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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 29, 2008

MR. WILLIAM J MAXWELL
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
608 SOUTH WRIGHT STREET
URBANA, IL 61801

Subject: **REDDING, J. SAUNDERS**

FOIPA No. 1077392

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552

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134 pages were reviewed and **105 pages** are being released.

☒ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

☒ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.

☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

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☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures

Please be advised that certain information contained in FBI Headquarters file 123-14868 has been withheld per protective court order in the case styled National Lawyers Guild v. The Attorney General, Civil Action #77 CIV-999 in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Subj:

Redding, Jay Saunders

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Address:

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DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cld

Birthdate:

SUPV:

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FILE NUMBER

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Pr:

62-60527-32071

Summary - 15 225

J. Saunders

Rev. Mr. J. W. King

in America

100-10335-3741 NO 15

info. included in 956 enclosure

100-135-1298 P. 1601 (4)

100-377-633-1

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author of "no day of triumph" (see Louisville file)

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J. Saunders

W I. 100-766-1944

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, *Buffalo* (Your file)

123-776

DATE: *March 13, 1953*

FROM :

Buffalo
Director, FBI

123-14868

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cld

SUBJECT:

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING
VOA

- (4) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Re My airtel 3/5/53
Report submitted*3/13/53*

Report will be submitted

Reason for delay

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
() Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
() Surep immediately.

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(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

16-60316-7

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, *wfo* (Your file) DATE: *March 21, 1953*FROM : Director, FBI *123-14868* ✓ ALL INFORMATION CONTAINEDSUBJECT: *JAY SAUNDERS REDDING* ✓ HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
VOA DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cld*Bud. d Feb. 27*

- (4) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted *When results received from CSC*Reason for delay *Check at CSC outstanding**Re PH Airtel 3/12/53*(4) Advise Bureau re status of this case. *123-13769*

() Advise Bureau when report may be expected

() Surep immediately.

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FBI - WASH. F. O.	

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16-68216-1

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (Your file) DATE: March 13, 1953

FROM : LVB Director, FBI 123-14868

SUBJECT: JAY SAUNDERS REDDING
YOR

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/clb

(2) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted 3/27/53

Reason for delay CONTACTING INFORMANTS RE

LOYALTY OF APPLICANT'S BROTHER

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- () Surep immediately.

123-9976

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Cleveland (Your file 123-1152) DATE: March 13, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI 123-14868 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cld

SUBJECT: JAY SAUNDERS REDDING
VOA

(+) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

RVC letter

Report submitted

3-17-53

Report will be submitted

Reason for delay

Re NF airtel 3/2/53

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- () Surep immediately.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 123-14868) DATE: 2/25/53
FROM : *LVB* SAC, NEW YORK (File 123-9976)

SUBJECT: JAY SAUNDERS REDDING
VOICE OF AMERICA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cld

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/27/53

Reason for the delinquency:

Derogatory loyalty information being developed

Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau: 3/9/53

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

NOT RECORDED
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File) DATE: 2/27/53

FROM : SAC, Baltimore (File 123-1896)

SUBJECT: JAY SAUNDERS REDDING

V.O.A.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cld

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/27/53

Reason for the delinquency: *subversive derogatory information
on applicants brother*Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau: 3/5/53AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)NOT RECORDED
6 MAR 3 1953

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File) DATE: 2/26/53

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (File 123- 8036)

SUBJECT: JAY SAUNDERS REDDING
Special Inquiry - State Department
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOA)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cld

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/27/53

Reason for the delinquency:

*Pressure of other opposite investigations in the resident agency.*Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau: 3/6/53AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)NOT RECORDED
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EDN:

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File) DATE: 3/6/53

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (File 123 - 3036)

SUBJECT: JAY SAUNDERS REDDING,
SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPT.
PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS
(VOICE OF AMERICA)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cld

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/27/53

Reason for the delinquency:

*Pressure of other deadline cases in the R/a, and subsequent
development of additional leads in PH division, not listed on
applicants PSO.*Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau:

3/11/53

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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DATE 09-20-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/STP/cig

SAC, New Orleans (123-623)

April 23, 1953

Director, FBI

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS
VOICE OF AMERICA

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The Bureau has classified the report of SA [redacted] dated
3/10/53 as follows: "Security Information - ~~Confidential~~".

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Glavin _____
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SAC, Norfolk

February 13, 1953

Director, FBI (123-14868)

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING
VOICE OF AMERICA

Buded February 27, 1953.

ReBulet February 6, 1953.

Bufiles contain following references to the above-named individual:

Reurfile 100-4260, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, report of SA [] dated October 13, 1950, at New Orleans, a copy of which was furnished your office, page 15. (100-10355-374)

Rerep SA [] dated March 18, 1944, at Cleveland, a copy of which was furnished your office, page 18, Universal Negro Improvement Association.

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New York reurfile 100-26603, Communist Party, USA, urlet November 2, 1942, enclosing "Communist Trends," page 2. (100-3-4-984)

Reurfile 100-51820, Jefferson School of Social Science-
IS-C, report of SA [] dated January 2, 1951, page 47.

(100-227027-235)

cc: 2 - New York

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SAC, NEW YORK

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. FOL AIR-TEL RECEIVED FROM BOSTON: "REBULET
TO NORFOLK DATED FEBRUARY SIX LAST. RECORDS UNIV. OF LOUISVILLE,
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY REFLECT APPLI. LISTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN UNIV., PROV., R.I., AS REFERENCE. [REDACTED] NOW
AVAILABLE BARD COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, NY. HANDLE." NEW YORK HANDLE.

POWERS

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cc: Bureau (AM)
Boston (Info.) (REGULAR MAIL)

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FBI, BOSTON

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SAC, ALBANY

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. REBULET TO NORFOLK DATED FEBRUARY
SIX LAST. RECORDS UNIV. OF LOUISVILLE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
RESPECT APPLI. LISTED [REDACTED]
BROWN UNIV., PROV., R.I. [REDACTED] NOW AVAILABLE BARD COLLEGE,
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. HANDLE.

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MARCHESSAULT

REZ/atb
123-3366

cc: Bureau

*Army lead -
AL sent airtel to
NY 2-26-53
Poughkeepsie covered
by NY
AL*

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FBI, NEW YORK

FBI, LOUISVILLE

2-18-53

5:00 P.M.

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FBI, NEW YORK

AIR MAIL

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. REBULET TO NORFOLK DATED FEBRUARY 6,
1953. EMPLOYMENT RECORDS UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE REFLECT
APPLICANT RESIDED AT 180 WEST 135TH STREET, YMCA, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, ON JANUARY 9, 1935. NEW YORK HANDLE. RECORDS
REFLECT APPLICANT ALSO RESIDED AT 203 EAST TENTH STREET,
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. BALTIMORE HANDLE.

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CC: ① - Bureau
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FBI, BOSTON

FBI, LOUISVILLE

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FBI, BOSTON

AIR MAIL

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. REBULET TO NORFOLK DATED FEBRUARY 6,
1953. RECORDS UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY,
REFLECT THE APPLICANT LISTED THE FOLLOWING AS REFERENCES:

[REDACTED] BROWN
UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

[REDACTED]
BROWN UNIVERSITY

[REDACTED]
BROWN UNIVERSITY

[REDACTED] GRADUATE SCHOOL, BROWN
UNIVERSITY

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BOSTON HANDLE.

[REDACTED] MOREHOUSE
COLLEGE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

[REDACTED] MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA HANDLE.

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CC: 2 - Bureau
2 - Atlanta

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to: BUREAU

FBI, LOUISVILLE

2-20-53

DIRECTOR, FBI

AIR MAIL

J. SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. REBULET TO NORFOLK 2-6-53.

ASSOCIATES LOUISVILLE ADVISE APPLICANT AUTHOR OF
"NO DAY OF TRIUMPH," "THE CALL OF PORT BLACK," AND
"THEY CAME IN CHAINS -- AMERICANS FROM AFRICA."
THE ABOVE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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END

2 - NORFOLK (INFO)

DEO:mbg
LS 123-428

FD-36
Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. G. arty _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
M. Holloman _____
M. Sizoo _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUREAU

REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Kentucky	DATE WHEN MADE 2-25-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-17, 18, 19, 20-53	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] JME
TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS, VOICE OF AMERICA	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <i>1 photo - CIA 7-31-61 SPP/ind AGENCY REC'D REQ. REC'D 2/21/53 REPLY FOR 2/22/53 BY [Signature]</i>		<p>Employment Louisville, Kentucky, verified. Former associates consider applicant of good character, reputation, and associates. Associates advise applicant the author of "No Day of Triumph," "The Call of Port Black," and "They Came in Chains -- Americans From Africa." Neighborhood investigation reflects nothing unfavorable. Louisville confidential informants, of known reliability, who were acquainted with activities and membership of the Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party from 1934 through 1936 advised that applicant is unknown to them. No credit or criminal record located for applicant at Louisville.</p> <p>- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCES: Bureau letter to Norfolk dated February 6, 1953. Louisville airtel to Boston dated February 17, 1953. Louisville airtel to New York dated February 18, 1953. Louisville airtel to the Bureau dated February 20, 1953.</p> <p>SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>EMPLOYMENT</u></p> <p>[Redacted] University of</p>	
APPROVED AND FORWARDED [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DEC 20 1953 b6 b7C	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 1 - Bureau 1 - Louisville (123-428) [Signature] [Signature]		123-14866-5 MAR 2 1953 RECORDED - 101	

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Louisville, Kentucky, stated that the employment records only reflect that the applicant signed a one year contract beginning May 3, 1935 for the Louisville Municipal College. The applicant's position was listed as instructor, English Department. [redacted] stated that the Louisville Municipal College is now incorporated with the University of Louisville. The record reflects applicant signed the contract as J. SAUNDERS REDDING. The records disclose no further information. [redacted] stated that she did not know the applicant.

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[redacted] Instructor, University of Louisville, stated that he recalled the applicant as a former instructor at the Louisville Municipal College in 1935. He stated that he was acquainted with the applicant socially and at no time did any question arise in his mind concerning the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant. He stated he considered the applicant to be of good character, reputation, and associates. He recommended the applicant for a position of trust.

[redacted] a former instructor at Louisville Municipal College, stated that he was socially acquainted with the applicant from 1935 to 1936. He stated that at no time has he had reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty or patriotism toward the United States Government. He stated he was acquainted with the applicant's wife and considered her a loyal American.

[redacted] stated further that the applicant wrote the following books:

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"The Call of Port Black"

"No Day of Triumph"

"They Came in Chains -- Americans From Africa"

[redacted] considered the applicant to be of excellent character, reputation, and associates. He stated he has not seen the applicant since 1936. The above books were not available for review at the Louisville Public Library.

NEIGHBORHOOD

The 1935 Louisville City Directory reflects applicant resided at 3021 West Chestnut. The 1936 Louisville City Directory reflects applicant resided at 3437 Virginia. The 1937 directory fails to reflect a listing for the applicant.

[redacted] stated that she was acquainted with the applicant as a neighbor in 1935. She stated that at no time did the applicant conduct himself in other than a highly satisfactory manner. She stated that she was acquainted with the applicant's wife and considered her a reputable and patriotic American. She commented favorably on the character, reputation, and associates of the applicant.

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[redacted] stated that she recalled the applicant as a former neighbor in 1936. She stated she was acquainted with the applicant's wife and considered her a respectable and loyal American. She stated she had no reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty or patriotism towards the United States Government. She commented favorably on the applicant's character and reputation and stated applicant associated with individuals of good character. She stated she has not seen the applicant since 1936. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] and [redacted] stated that they have only recently moved into the locality and therefore did not know the applicant.

[redacted] stated that she recalled the applicant as a neighbor in 1936. She stated that she was acquainted with the applicant's wife and considered her a good neighbor and loyal American. She stated that at no time has any question arisen in her mind concerning the applicant's loyalty or patriotism. She stated that the applicant was of excellent character, reputation, and associated with individuals of like character. She stated she has not seen the applicant since 1936. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] and [redacted] stated they have resided seventeen and ten years respectively, at the above address but do not recall the applicant.

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant Louisville T-1, of known reliability, who was familiar with the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party's activities in Louisville from 1934 to 1936 advised that he has never heard of J. SAUNDERS REDDING.

Confidential Informant Louisville T-2, of known reliability, who was familiar with Communist Party activities in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1936, advised that he did not know J. SAUNDERS REDDING and no one by that name was connected with the Communist Party in Louisville in 1936.

CREDIT

[redacted] Louisville Credit Bureau, Louisville, Kentucky, stated that the records disclose no information concerning the applicant. b6 b7C b7D

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[REDACTED] Louisville Police Department, Records and Identification Section, Louisville, Kentucky, stated that the files disclosed no record for applicant or his family.

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Louisville T-1 is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who gave information to Special Agent
[REDACTED] Louisville Office, on February 25, 1953.

Louisville T-2 is [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the
Bureau, who gave information to Special Agent [REDACTED]
Louisville Office, on February 25, 1953.

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REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE	DATE WHEN MADE 2-25-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-13,16,17-53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] : IRS
TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress VOICE OF AMERICA	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="float: left; width: 25%;"><p><i>AGENCY REC'D - FSA REQ. REC'D 5/16/53 REP'T FORM 6-22-53 BY [signature]</i></p></div> <p>Investigation at Elizabeth City, N. C. revealed applicant considered not only loyal and patriotic, but intelligently fervent in this regard. Credit and identification negative.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Photo via 7-31-61 89P/aw</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Norfolk dated February 6, 1953.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA</u></p> <p>[REDACTED] State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, advised that although she was not a close social acquaintance of JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, she knew him as a fellow staff member while at the college from 1938 until 1943. [REDACTED] stated that REDDING impressed her very favorably. It was her opinion that he was one of the outstanding personalities she had ever known. [REDACTED] stated she could not recall any specific organizations that REDDING was affiliated with during the time he was at the State Teachers College, but to the best of her knowledge he belonged only to academic honoraries, such as Phi Beta Kappa.</p> <p>[REDACTED] advised she has read some of the books written by JAY SAUNDERS REDDING and stated that [REDACTED] nothing she had read.</p> <div style="float: right; width: 25%;"><p><i>SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION</i></p></div>			
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gave any indication of anything but complete loyalty to the Federal Government and satisfaction in democracy as a political philosopher. Without equivocation, [] recommended JAY SAUNDERS REDDING as a person completely loyal and patriotic and worthy of a position of trust with the government.

[] State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, advised that JAY SAUNDERS REDDING taught at this institution for five years in the latter part of the 1930's and early part of the 1940's. [] advised that he was not aware that REDDING had been affiliated with any organizations other than strictly academic during his tenure at the State Teachers College. He stated Mr. REDDING won the "Mayflower Award" several years ago for his book No Day of Triumph. This award is presented to North Carolina authors for outstanding productions in the literary field. [] advised that REDDING had written several other books, among them To Make a Poet, Black and Readings for Freshman English Composition, written in collaboration with another professor []

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[] stated he was not personally familiar with any of REDDING'S relatives other than a brother, LOUIS REDDING, attorney, Wilmington, Delaware, and an [] last name unknown, whom he had previously met through the applicant. He stated he believed that these persons enjoyed a good reputation in their community, but that other than that he knew nothing of them.

[] stated that JAY SAUNDERS REDDING spoke at the Chapel of the State Teachers College at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Sunday, February 8, 1953, on the request of the college authorities. [] advised that had REDDING been considered anything but patriotic, he would have never received such a request. He went on to say that REDDING was frequently requested to return to the State Teachers College for such addresses.

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It was [] opinion that JAY SAUNDERS REDDING has a keener appreciation of democracy than most. He stated that he has specifically discussed political philosophy and democracy with Mr. REDDING and believes that democracy and America have no more staunch supporter. [] related that the REDDINGS have recently returned from a trip to India which had been sponsored by the State Department, and he was of the opinion that this trip did much to focus REDDING'S appreciation of the American form of government and way of life. [] strongly

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recommended the applicant for a position of trust with the government.

[redacted] advised that he knew JAY SAUNDERS REDDING during the period that he taught at the State Teachers College in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. [redacted] stated he never knew the applicant to be connected with any type of organization or society that might be considered questionable. He stated that he has read parts of the book To Make A Poet Black, written by JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, but none of the other of his works. He advised that he had never been acquainted with any of Mr. REDDING'S relatives. [redacted] was of the opinion that REDDING was a completely loyal and patriotic citizen and he stated he would highly recommend him for a position of trust with the government.

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[redacted] advised that she has been a close friend and acquaintance of JAY SAUNDERS REDDING and his family both socially and professionally since 1941 when she first met him at the State Teachers College at Elizabeth City, North Carolina. [redacted] stated she had read most of Mr. REDDING'S writings and advised that though his writings often offered pointed criticism of racial inequities existing in the United States, nothing contained in these writings indicated that he considered the American form of government other than the only way of satisfactorily reconciling these difficulties.

[redacted] advised that she is not acquainted with any of REDDING'S relatives. She stated that JAY SAUNDERS REDDING was the principal speaker at the vespers service at the State Teachers College Chapel, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on Sunday, February 8, 1953. In this speech, Mr. REDDING dwelt on Communism at some length. He strongly defended democracy and stated he had also done so on many occasions while visiting India during his recent trip under the auspices of the State Department. [redacted] feels and says that REDDING expressly states that he detests Communism. [redacted] stated that many negroes in the South tend to be bitter to the extent that they failed to look at social and political problems objectively. She considers this a weakness or human failing that Mr. REDDING has not succumbed to. She stated that REDDING has a unique ability to evaluate objectively and without prejudice. She went on to say that through this ability, he has seen the errors in the arguments put forth and directed towards the negro population in the United States of foreign ideologies. He staunchly defends this country and its form of government wherever the opportunity presents itself. He specifically stated in his Sunday speech that while in India he found the Indians citing examples of reported injustices in the United States toward members of minority groups. He stated that many times he found himself having to

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defend America, saying "that is my country." He strongly objected to the citing of rare examples and the suggesting that these rare examples constituted the rule in American life rather than the exception.

[redacted] strongly recommends REDDING as an intelligently fervent patriot and considers him preeminently qualified for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

[redacted] State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, advised that she was acquainted with JAY SAUNDERS REDDING during the period that he taught at the State Teachers College in Elizabeth City during the late 1930's and early 1940's. She stated that during this time she knew REDDING quite well. She stated that she was not aware of any particular organizations that REDDING might have belonged to at that time. It was her opinion that this man would not have a membership in any organization of a questionable nature. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised she recalled REDDING had written a good many books, among them No Day of Triumph, Stranger and Alone, and On Being a Negro in America. She stated that she could derive from these books no hint of lack of loyalty and patriotism. [redacted] stated that she had never been acquainted with any of Mr. REDDING'S relatives. [redacted] advised that JAY SAUNDERS REDDING had spoken at the college chapel Sunday, February 8, 1953, about his trip to India for the State Department. She stated that during his speech he indicated that India has lost many of its good minds to Communism. He stated that frequently he was placed in the position of having to strongly defend democracy in America while in India.

[redacted] considers REDDING a staunch defender of democracy and a loyal, patriotic American. He would highly recommend him for a position of trust with the government.

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[redacted] of the Colored American Legion Post in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, advised that he remembers JAY SAUNDERS REDDING quite well. He remembered that REDDING had written a good many books and articles and was considered an outstanding teacher by both students and faculty. [redacted] stated that from his acquaintance with REDDING, he had gained the impression that he was very straightforward and of good character. From discussion and speeches of REDDING [redacted] felt that REDDING was a completely loyal and patriotic citizen. He also stated that he had never heard

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anything from students, faculty members, or neighbors indicating anything but complete loyalty and integrity on the part of JAY SAUNDERS REDDING. [redacted] advised that he was a close friend of [redacted] who was considered exceedingly well informed on the conditions and personalities of the State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. [redacted] stated that since he felt that [redacted] would give information more freely to him than to the writer, he would be glad to discuss JAY SAUNDERS REDDING with her without divulging the reason therefor.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that he had under pretense discussed with [redacted] the applicant. He stated that [redacted] considers JAY SAUNDERS REDDING an outstanding person of unquestioned loyalty. Upon being questioned by [redacted] concerning the subject of REDDING'S loyalty, she was incensed at any intimation of doubt concerning the loyalty of JAY SAUNDERS REDDING and stated that if she had to choose "the faculty member of recent years that was most fervently loyal and patriotic; it would be JAY SAUNDERS REDDING." [redacted] advised that these statements were made by [redacted] in refuting statements made by [redacted] and attributed to fellow legionnaires concerning REDDING'S loyalty and political philosophy.

Credit and Identification

[redacted] Records Court, Pasquotank County, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; [redacted] Superior Court, Pasquotank County, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; and [redacted] Credit Bureau, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, all advised their offices have no record of JAY SAUNDERS REDDING.

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REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA	DATE WHEN MADE 2/26/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/18,19,24-26/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] bmb
TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

School records, Morehouse College, Atlanta, reflect JAY SAUNDERS REDDING employed as instructor in English 1928-31. Faculty members and acquaintances recommend REDDING as a man of good character, reputation, associates and patriotic American worthy of a position of trust with the U. S. Government. Credit and criminal records negative.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Norfolk, cc Atlanta, dated February 6, 1953.
Louisville airtel to Boston, cc Atlanta, dated February 17, 1953.

DETAILS:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

[REDACTED] Morehouse College, produced the official school register which reflected that JAY SAUNDERS REDDING was a member of the faculty at Morehouse College and an instructor in the English Department from September 1928 to June 1931. [REDACTED] stated that there are no application blanks or other background records on file at Morehouse College regarding faculty members who were employed at this early date.

[REDACTED] Morehouse College, advised that there are no files maintained on former faculty members at Morehouse College which would reflect background data.

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[redacted] Atlanta University and Morehouse College, advised that he has been acquainted with REDDING for approximately 25 years. He stated that REDDING was employed as an instructor in the English Department at Morehouse College and worked [redacted] for the three years that he was at Morehouse. [redacted] stated that at the time REDDING came to Morehouse no formal application was submitted by faculty members and that to his knowledge no personnel file was maintained by the school. [redacted] advised that in regard to the character and reputation of REDDING, he would highly recommend him without any reservations. He stated that in regard to REDDING's loyalty as an American citizen, that he considers him loyal and patriotic and a firm believer in our constitutional form of government. He advised that REDDING has written several books since leaving Morehouse College and that it might be deducted from these writings that REDDING is a protestor--meaning one who speaks freely against what he considers to be injustices against his own people. He advised that REDDING feels such matters keenly and that he is a sensitive person; however, he considers REDDING to be a loyal and patriotic American on the basis of his association with him. He advised that REDDING is in reality a snob and an aristocrat amongst the negro people and for that reason would not believe him interested in any subversive movements, Communist or otherwise. He advised that REDDING possesses a great deal of literary talent and that he considers him a literary artist expressing himself as an artist rather than voicing actual objections and he thinks REDDING is a firm believer in the due process of law under our present form of government. He stated that during the time REDDING was a member of the faculty at Morehouse College, SAMUEL H. ARCHER and Dr. JOHN HOPE were presidents of Morehouse College and that both of these individuals are deceased.

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[redacted] School of Religion, Morehouse College, advised that he had a limited acquaintanceship with JAY SAUNDERS REDDING as he was a student at Morehouse during the time REDDING was a member of the faculty. He stated that REDDING had an excellent reputation at Morehouse as being a capable leader, that he had a strong character and that his associates were primarily those other individuals on the faculty at Morehouse. He advised that he attended several of REDDING's lectures, and based on these lectures and other information he has gained concerning REDDING, he would consider him to be a loyal and patriotic American. He advised that he would recommend REDDING for a position of trust with the government.

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[redacted] Atlanta University, advised that he has known REDDING for approximately 20 years and that he worked under his supervision for two years at Louisville University as a member of the faculty. [redacted] advised that he personally contacted REDDING at Morehouse College in 1931 and offered him a position at Louisville University. He stated that the character and reputation of REDDING are above reproach. He advised that REDDING just recently returned from India where he spent approximately sixty days in connection with some program of the State Department of the United

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States. He advised that the associates of REDDING to his knowledge were those of any other member of a college faculty, mainly confined to fellow instructors and professors. He advised that to his knowledge REDDING is not connected with any Communist groups or any other subversive groups and that he would consider him to be a loyal and patriotic American citizen.

[redacted] Morehouse College, advised that he was a member of the faculty at Morehouse at the time REDDING was also a member. [redacted] stated that on the basis of his association with REDDING approximately two or three years around 1928, that he knew of nothing which would reflect against his character, reputation, associates or loyalty as an American citizen. [redacted] stated that he has had no contact with REDDING since he left the campus of Morehouse College.

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[redacted] Morehouse College, advised that he has been acquainted with REDDING for the past 25 years. He advised that he knew him not only in connection with his work at Morehouse College, but was also socially acquainted with REDDING. He advised that to this day he contacts REDDING when passing through the community where REDDING resides. He further advised that REDDING had an excellent reputation, was of good character and that his associates were generally confined, while at Morehouse, to other faculty members. He advised that since REDDING has become quite prominent as a writer, he probably has developed numerous associates along those lines, but that he is not acquainted with any of them. He stated that he has no qualms whatsoever about recommending REDDING for a position of trust with the U. S. Government, as he considers him a loyal and patriotic American. [redacted] further advised that during the time REDDING was a member of the faculty at Morehouse College, he resided in one of the Morehouse dormitories.

[redacted] Morehouse College, advised that he has been acquainted with REDDING for approximately 25 years; however, during the past 20 years or so his contacts with REDDING have been limited. He stated that on the basis of his previous association with REDDING, he would describe him as having good character, excellent reputation, and his associates were of a similar type. He stated that he had no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty of REDDING as an American citizen.

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[redacted] Morehouse College, advised that he was acquainted with REDDING during the time he was a member of the faculty at Morehouse and has on several occasions seen him since that time. He stated that based on this limited association with REDDING, he would describe him as a man of good character, good reputation and a loyal and patriotic American. [redacted] advised that at the time he was acquainted with REDDING, he was quite young and has no definite idea as to the philosophy of life REDDING has acquired after he has reached his maturity. [redacted] stated that he would recommend REDDING for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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[redacted] Morehouse College, advised that he has been acquainted with REDDING for approximately 30 years as they were both in school at Brown University together, they taught at Morehouse College together and he has since that time kept in contact with REDDING. He stated that the character and reputation of REDDING were unquestionable and that he does not consider him subversive or disloyal as an American citizen. He advised that REDDING is one of the outstanding authors of his race and that he considers him highly individualistic, however has noted that as he has matured with age he has become more mellow in his thinking. He stated that at Hampton Institute where REDDING is presently a faculty member, he is very closely associated with the leaders of that school and believes that he has made a commendable record there. [redacted] advised that he would recommend REDDING for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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[redacted] Atlanta University, advised that she was formerly [redacted] Morehouse College at the time REDDING was on the faculty at Morehouse. She advised that REDDING to her knowledge was of good character, reputation and associated with a similar type of people. She stated that on the basis of her limited association with REDDING, she considered him to be a loyal and patriotic American.

[redacted] Morehouse College, advised that he has been acquainted with REDDING for approximately 25 years. He stated that since REDDING's departure from the campus, his acquaintance has only been casual; however, during the time REDDING was on the faculty at Morehouse, [redacted] advised that he had a good character, excellent reputation, and to his knowledge was a loyal and patriotic American. [redacted] advised that REDDING resided in one of the dormitories at Morehouse College when he was on the faculty. He stated that he would recommend REDDING for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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Confidential informants, of known reliability and who have furnished information concerning Communist activities in the Atlanta area, advised that JAY SAUNDERS REDDING is unknown to them.

Credit and criminal

Special Employee [redacted] checked the records of the Atlanta Police Department on REDDING and his wife, and no record could be found.

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Special Employee [redacted] checked the records of the Atlanta Credit Bureau, and no credit record could be found on either JAY SAUNDERS REDDING or his wife.

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Confidential source [redacted] and [redacted]
all were contacted by the reporting agent on February 25, 1953 and
could furnish no information concerning REDDING.

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TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT - Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING was Chairman of the English Department at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from 1936-38. Associates there state he is a loyal citizen; of good character, and bears a good reputation. He has no credit or arrest record at Baton Rouge. Applicant unknown to informants New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Norfolk dated February 6, 1953.

DETAILS: AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

[Redacted] Southern University, advised he was personally acquainted with the applicant. He recalled the applicant was Chairman of the English Department there from 1936-38. He said his services were very satisfactory, and he left there for a better position. [Redacted] advised REDDING was loyal to the United States, and he did not believe he was affiliated with a subversive organization. He said the applicant might give the impression he is broad in his ideas of freedom but he did not believe this was in any way subversive.

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[Redacted] added the applicant was of good character, and had

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a good reputation. He said REDDING was having some family difficulties while he was at Southern but he felt these had been straightened out inasmuch as he has visited in the REDDING home several times since then and there is no indication of marital difficulties. He said the applicant lived in a house on their campus while he was there, and was very well respected.

[redacted] Auditor's Office, Southern University, advised she knew the applicant well while he was at the university. She remembered he had a good reputation, was of good character, and regarded as a loyal citizen. She could furnish only favorable information concerning him.

[redacted] Administrative Offices, Southern University, advised she, too, recalled the applicant well, and she furnished virtually the same information concerning him as did [redacted]

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[redacted] Southern University, advised he recalled the applicant well and, in fact, lived a short distance from him while he resided on the campus. He said the applicant was regarded as a loyal citizen and he did not believe he was connected with any subversive organization. He stated the applicant was having some marital difficulties while he was there, but he had since learned these had been cleared. He said he had a good reputation on the campus and was considered to be of good character.

[redacted] Southern University, informed he knew the applicant well and that he lived near him on the campus while he was on the campus. He said REDDING had a good reputation, was of good character and was generally well regarded. He advised the applicant, in his opinion, was a loyal citizen and he knew of no connection he might have with a subversive organization.

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There is no record of REDDING with the Baton Rouge Credit Bureau, the Baton Rouge Police Department or the Louisiana State Police.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, who was acquainted with some Communist Party members at Baton Rouge during the period 1936-38, did not know the applicant.

Confidential Informants cognizant of some phases of Communist Party activity in New Orleans area, and who know the identities of many members of the Communist Party, advised that they did not know applicant.

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The following Confidential Informants in New Orleans
were contacted by the following Agents:

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REPORT MADE AT NORFOLK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/27/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/25,26/53	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] plc
TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS VOICE OF AMERICA

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., reflect employment from 9/1/43 to present. Nothing noted in file of derogatory nature. Associates highly recommend as to patriotism and reputation. All associates believe applicant a person who can be trusted and recommended for position. One associate recommends with reservation that any writing or lecturing done by applicant be reviewed before being presented. Associates consider purpose of writing to improve Negroes position in present day society, and not as being subversive. T-1 considered applicant poor choice for any position where applicant would lecture or write, as writings reflect bitterness and could be construed by any subversive group as anti-American propaganda. Criminal negative with exception of one minor traffic violation. Credit satisfactory.

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Bulet to Norfolk dated 2/6/53.

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DETAILS:

AT HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Personnel records located at the Office of the Dean of Faculty, Hampton Institute, reflected that applicant has been employed as a professor of literature and composition since September 1, 1943.

Birth data verified according to records.

Records further reflected that applicant was on leave in 1949 for one semester at which time he went on a lecture tour for the American Friends Committee, and on another occasion in 1952, for a month and a half at which time he visited India on behalf of the United States State Department. There was nothing noted in the records of a derogatory or unpatriotic nature.

[redacted] Hampton Institute, advised he has known the applicant professionally and socially for 9 years. He stated that he felt he knows the applicant quite well and has had no reason during the course of his association with applicant, to question the loyalty of the applicant or his family to the U. S. Government, nor would he have any reason to question reputation or known associates. He stated he has met the applicant's father and his brother, LOUIS, who is an attorney in Wilmington, Delaware, as well as one of his sisters and he has had no reason to question any of them. As to the applicant's brother LOUIS, [redacted] said he was associated with him for about six weeks when they were both on a segregation case in the schools at Wilmington, Delaware. He said that the brother has an excellent reputation in his community and he knew of no reason to doubt his patriotism.

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[redacted] further advised that he is acquainted with the applicant's writings and feels that they are not meant to set forth any pro-Communist ideas, but are directed toward the improvement of the Negro's position in present day society. He said that the applicant has been very critical in his writings as to the status of the Negro, but is endeavoring, through the writings, to give a better understanding of the Negro's plight. [redacted] stated he felt the criticism set forth by the applicant is meant to be of a constructive sort and has no subversive purpose whatsoever behind it.

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[redacted] said that he knew of no subversive organizations to which the applicant held membership and would recommend him for a position of trust with the Government. He stated that assuming the applicant is to prepare material for either writing or lecturing for the Government, he would be

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an excellent choice to answer any propaganda charges and would have an excellent understanding as to what material would be relevant. He stated that he was certain Professor REDDING did not hold to any other economic system than the American system of economy which [] personally felt was an indication that the applicant had no subversive leanings.

[] Hampton Institute, stated he has been acquainted with applicant professionally as well as socially since 1929, and had no doubt as to the applicant being a loyal U. S. citizen as well as no question as to his reputation or known associates. He advised that he met the applicant's father and brother, LOUIS, and had no reason to question either of them. As to the applicant's brother, [] said that he was aware of the fact that he was prominent in segregation cases which were being conducted in Delaware. The brother, he felt, is attempting to aid the Negro's plight through his contributions in the legal field. He stated that the brother is ^yan National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Attorney and is not aware of any affiliation of the brother with organizations which are in any way subversive.

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[] said that the applicant is very critical in his writings which deal primarily with the status of the Negro in America. He did not feel that they were in any way anti-American, but felt the applicant had as his objective the improvement of the status of the Negro. He stated that the applicant is a person who is very emotional and high-strung and these traits come out in his writings, which deal with the disadvantages and handicaps of being a Negro. He said that applicant is subjective as an individual and his writings hold to his subjective opinion.

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[] said that he would recommend the applicant for a position of trust with the Government, but would recommend that if it were a position in which he was to do any writing, that his material should be carefully reviewed before being presented publicly. [] said it is quite possible that people subjected to his writing might take it in a very different light than the author may be attempting to impart. He suggested that the applicant's latest publication, "On Being A Negro In America" would give the reviewing authorities a good idea as to what he, [] means. The applicant, in his works, expresses his individual opinions and these may not be concurred with by the Government.

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[redacted] Hampton Institute, advised he has known the applicant professionally as well as socially since 1943, and highly recommended the applicant as to patriotism, morals, character, and known associates. He further advised that he is not well acquainted with any other than the applicant's immediate family located at Hampton, but from what he knows of the other members of the family, he would have no reason to question any of them.

He stated that the applicant is not interested in any sort of organizations and is what might be classified as a "non-joiner". He advised that he is acquainted with applicant's writings and believes that the latest book of the applicant, "On Being A Negro In America" is a hard blow to Communism. He stated that applicant is a subjective and emotional writer and that his works could definitely be termed as not being subversive.

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[redacted] Hampton Institute, advised he has known the applicant professionally and socially for six years and recommended both the applicant and his family as to patriotism, morals, character, and associates. He stated that the applicant is a very creative writer, sociologically and psychologically. He believed that the applicant thought on the basis of his convictions which are not of a subversive nature, but are pointed more at bringing a better adjustment as to the use and problems of the Negroes. He advised that it is his belief that the applicant is opposed to any philosophy such as those of the Communists. He stated that applicant is a person who could assume a position of trust.

Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, advised that she has known the applicant professionally since 1943, and would hesitate to recommend him for any position with the Government as his writings give reason to believe that he has a bitterness about the plight of the Negroes. T-1 felt that the applicant should not be used to do any work which involves either lecturing or writing as he injects this bitterness in his work, although it is probably his purpose to forward the progress of the Negroes. T-1 said his work might well be used to incite race hatred of the white race.

T-1 stated that she has actually no reason to question the loyalty of the applicant to the United States, although she has often considered as to whether or not the applicant is a Communist. T-1 did not wish to make any written statement nor did she wish to appear before a hearing board.

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[redacted] and [redacted] all of Hampton Institute, stated they have known the applicant professionally since 1943 and have no reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty to the United States, nor have they any reason to question his reputation or associates.

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There was no record of the applicant or his family in the files of the Hampton Jail, and the only record of the applicant at the Hampton Police Department was that of one minor traffic violation in 1950.

The applicant has a satisfactory credit rating according to the files of the Hampton Retail Merchants Association.

T-2, of known reliability, who is familiar with certain phases of the Communist Party activity in the Norfolk area, advised that he is not acquainted with nor has he heard leaders of the local Communist Party ever mention JAY SAUNDERS REDDING.

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It should be noted that associates of the applicant are aware of the fact that the position for which the applicant is being considered is with the Voice of America.

[redacted] Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia,
provided the following list of publications of the applicant:

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"To Make a Port Black"

Published in 1939 by the University of
North Carolina Press

"No Day of Triumph"

Published in 1942 by Harper

"Stranger and Alone"

Published by Harcourt, Brace & Company

"They Came in Chains"

Published by Lippencott

"On Being a Negro in America"

INFORMANT

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T-2 is [redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted]
on February 26, 1953.

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AIR-TEL

Dear
SAC CLEVELAND (Air Mail)

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. BUDED 2/27/53. BULET TO NF DATED 2/6/53 REFLECTS APPLICANT BORN 10/13/06 AT WILMINGTON, DEL., AND REFLECTS APPLICANT IS AUTHOR OF A BOOK, "ON BEING NEGRO IN AMERICA." LETTER STATES OBSERVE INSTRUCTIONS IN BUREAU BULLETIN 35, SERIES 1952, CONTACT INFORMANTS, SUBMIT SEVEN COPIES OF UREP. BULET DATED 2/13/53 CALLS ATTENTION TO REFERENCE ON APPLICANT ON PAGE 18 OF REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] DATED 3/18/44 AT CLEVELAND ENTITLED "UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION," URFILE 100-6264. SINCE NF UNABLE TO FURNISH COMPLETE INFO SUITABLE FOR VOA REPORT, CLEVELAND SHOULD REPORT INFO FURNISHED BY T-1 AS PERTAINS TO APPLICANT AND IF INFORMANT AVAILABLE, HE SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED.

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JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. REBULET TO NF DATED FEB. 6, 1953, CC TO NEW ORLEANS. BULET TO NF DATED FEB. 13 LAST REFLECTS APPLICANT NAMED IN YOUR FILE 100-759, PAGE 15, OF REPORT OF SA [] DATED OCT. 13, 1950, AT NEW ORLEANS. SINCE ORIGINAL INFO FURNISHED BY NEW ORLEANS INFORMANT AND NEW ORLEANS RECEIVED COPY OF REBULET DATED FEB. 6, 1953, NEW ORLEANS SHOULD REPORT DETAILS OF INFO FURNISHED BY INFORMANT AS SET FORTH IN REPORT OF SA []

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TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING			CHARACTER OF CASE VOICE OF AMERICA

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1. No record of applicant's birth located at Wilmington, Del. Neighbors, who have known applicant and family over 25 years, advise family has maintained a fine reputation and they consider applicant honest, reliable, trustworthy and have had no reason to doubt his loyalty. No credit or criminal record on applicant. Applicant's father has satisfactory credit rating. Applicant's

Applicant's brother, LOUIS, has been identified as having been a member and legal adviser to Communist Party approximately 20 years ago. Information reflecting his connection with National Lawyers Guild, National Negro Congress and endorsement of the lifting of the Loyalists Spanish Embargo set out.

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REP'T FORW. 6-22-53
BY [signature] 7-1-53*

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Norfolk, February 6, 1953.

DETAILS:

BIRTH

Bureau of Vital Statistics, Wilmington, Delaware Board of Health, advised SE that he could locate no record of applicant's birth.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

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[redacted] all of Wilmington, Delaware, advised SA [redacted] that they have known the applicant and his family for forty-five, forty-four and thirty-five years, respectively, as neighbors. They added that the applicant is an honest, reliable, trustworthy and reliable man of exemplary character and reputation within the neighborhood. They further advised that they have no reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty to the United States or his ability to have access to confidential or restricted information. They stated that the applicant's associates include only people of the highest calibre and that they would recommend the applicant for a position of trust. All stated that the applicant's family has maintained a fine reputation in the neighborhood and are highly respected by all the neighbors.

MISCELLANEOUS

In a prior investigation in March, 1944, [redacted] who presently resides at [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that approximately two years ago he, [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party in Wilmington, Delaware, and at the same time, LOUIS LORENZO REDDING (who is identical with applicant's brother) was also a member of the Communist Party of Wilmington, Delaware. He stated that he and LOUIS L. REDDING had been present together at meetings of the Communist Party held on the second floor of the building located at Sixth and Tatnall Streets in Wilmington. He also advised that during that same period, LOUIS REDDING was also legal adviser of the Party.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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In the latter part of 1951, [redacted] was recontacted and reaffirmed his identification of LOUIS LORENZO REDDING as a person with whom he had attended Communist Party meetings in Wilmington, Delaware in the 1920's. He said upon recontact that he believes that REDDING was an attorney at the time he was attending Communist Party meetings but he admitted that it was possible that LOUIS REDDING was in attendance at these meetings prior to the time he was graduated from Harvard Law School, but he also stated that to his own knowledge LOUIS REDDING was the Legal Adviser of the Communist Party at that time.

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Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who has knowledge of some phases of Communist Party activity in the Wilmington, Delaware area, advised in the latter part of 1951, that he had no definite knowledge that LOUIS LORENZO REDDING had been an actual member of the Communist Party and he knew of no specific activity on the part of REDDING that would indicate that he was a member of the Communist Party.

T-1 recalled that LOUIS L. REDDING had some contact with a member of the East Side Branch of the Communist Party in Wilmington, Delaware, but he did not recall the nature of this connection or the source from which he learned of this connection. T-1 recalled that LOUIS REDDING has in the past contributed financially to the Party, but he could recall no specific instances when he made these contributions.

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, who has knowledge of some phases of Communist Party activity in the Wilmington, Delaware area, advised in November, 1951 that he has no information that LOUIS LORENZO REDDING is a member of the Communist Party.

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-3, a prominent member of the State Bar Association in Wilmington, Delaware, advised in November, 1951 that he had heard fellow lawyers in Wilmington, whose names he could not recall, describe LOUIS LORENZO REDDING as a person believed to have Communist sympathies because of his activity against racial discrimination. However, T-3 said he knows nothing definite that would indicate that LOUIS REDDING is a Communist and he does not recall that anyone specifically gave him any proof that LOUIS REDDING is a Communist.

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-4, a prominent member of the State Bar Association, Wilmington, Delaware, advised in November, 1951 that he has never received any information to the effect that LOUIS LORENZO REDDING is a Communist or member of the Communist Party.

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-2 advised in November, 1951 that LOUIS REDDING handles all labor work for the Delaware Fellowship Commission.

It is noted that on January 2, 1951 T-2 advised that the Delaware Fellowship Commission was an organization formed shortly prior thereto for the purpose of eliminating discrimination. He

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advised that at that time several known and suspected Communists had attended meetings of the organization, but he had no information to indicate that the organization was Communist dominated or controlled.

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In previous investigation conducted in 1951, a review of the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) reflected that the Daily Worker issue of May 27, 1941 on page 1 contained an article datelined Washington, D.C. "160 Negro Leaders Condemn Drive to War and Destruction of our Peoples' Rights" and on page 5 had an article headlined "160 Negro Leaders Blast War, General Chaos and Defense". The name LOUIS LORENZO REDDING, Wilmington, Delaware was included on the list of signers of the article.

The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The HCUA files also reflected that LOUIS REDDING, Wilmington, Delaware, according to information obtained from the New York Office of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities endorsed the Lifting of the Loyalists Spanish Embargo. No further information was reflected regarding this entry.

The Co-ordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo was cited as one of a number of front organizations set up during the Spanish Civil War by the Communist Party in the United States and through which the Party carried on a great deal of agitation in the Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report March 29, 1944, pages 137 and 138.

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The same Committee was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities Report 1947, page 210.

HCUA files also contained a pamphlet entitled "National Negro Congress, 1936" which listed the name LOUIS L. REDDING, Delaware as a member of the Presiding Committee, member of the General Resolution Committee, and a member of the National Executive Council of this Congress in 1936.

The National Negro Congress was declared by the Attorney General to be an organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Baltimore Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2 advised during the current investigation that they do not know the applicant and can furnish no information concerning his associates. These informants advised that they do not know of any association between the applicant and his brother, LOUIS LORENZO REDDING.

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, who has known the applicant's family since 1937 and who has known the applicant for the past eight years through their mutual association on the Afro-American Newspaper, advised that he has never had reason to question the applicant's loyalty to the United States, his character reputation or conduct. T-7 has never known him to be a member of any questionable organizations or to have any associates of doubtful loyalty. He further advised that the applicant has been an infrequent visitor to Wilmington during the past eight years and as such no close relationship exists between him and other members of his family.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Wilmington, Inc. made available to SE [redacted] credit files which reflect that applicant's father maintains a satisfactory credit rating. [redacted] advised SE [redacted] that she could locate no credit record for the applicant or other members of his immediate family.

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[redacted] Records Section, Delaware State Police Headquarters, advised SE [redacted] that she could locate no record for the applicant or other members of his immediate family.

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The files of the Wilmington Police Department, as reviewed by SE [REDACTED] contain no record for the applicant or other members of his immediate family except for the applicant's father who was arrested on January 8, 1940 on a charge of Reckless Driving and this charge was dismissed, date not shown. [REDACTED]

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- T-1 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]
- T-2 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]
- T-3 [redacted]
[redacted] who is being carried as a confidential informant by request.
- T-4 [redacted]
[redacted] who is being carried as a confidential informant by request.
- T-5 ANONYMOUS
- T-6 [redacted]
[redacted] as set out in the report of SA [redacted]
6/28/50 at New York [redacted]
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- T-7 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] during the current investigation.

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JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. REBULET TO NORFOLK, 2/6/53. APPLICANT
BORN 10/13/06, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. ATTENDED LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL
COLLEGE, LOUISVILLE, KY. 1934 - 1936. RECORDS THERE REFLECT
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AT ELMIRA COLLEGE, ELMIRA, NY.

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TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS VOICE OF AMERICA	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Education and employment verified and favorable; reference and associates highly recommend for a position of trust and confidence. Credit record favorable. No criminal record.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Norfolk dated February 6, 1953.

DETAILS: EDUCATION

[redacted] Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that REDDING attended from September 1931 until June 1932 at which time he was awarded a Masters Degree in English. [redacted] further advised that REDDING continued studying for his Ph D degree but that he withdrew voluntarily in June 1933. Ph D degree was not awarded. [redacted] stated that the record of REDDING was excellent and that no unfavorable information was contained in the file of REDDING. [redacted] further stated that she was not personally acquainted with REDDING but that to the best of her knowledge REDDING enjoyed an excellent reputation around the university.

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EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] Personnel Office, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that REDDING was employed as a visiting professor from September 1949 until February 1952 at which time he left at the completion of one semester appointment. No unfavorable information was

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contained in the files of REDDING and he is eligible for rehiring, [] advised. Residence of REDDING while he instructed at Brown University was given as 35 Rhode Island Ave., Providence, Rhode Island.

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[] stated that she had met REDDING socially on several occasions. She further stated that she was not qualified to comment on the loyalty, character, and morals of REDDING but that to the best of her knowledge the reputation and associates of REDDING are excellent. She was aware of no reason why REDDING should not be placed in a position of trust and confidence.

REFERENCE

[] Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that he was slightly acquainted with REDDING when he, REDDING, was an undergraduate and a graduate student in the late 1920's and early 1930's respectively. He further stated that he was associated with REDDING while REDDING was a visiting professor during the first semester of the 1949 to 1950 academic year. While he has been acquainted with REDDING since 1924, [] advised that the acquaintance has been on a casual basis during that time. [] did advise that he knows of no unfavorable information regarding REDDING. REDDING always associated with respectable persons to the best of his knowledge, [] advised. [] advised that he was not acquainted with the family of REDDING and could not offer any comment regarding that point. [] further stated that he has no reason to suspect the loyalty of REDDING in any way. [] advised that he would recommend REDDING for a position of trust and confidence.

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[] advised that he was acquainted with REDDING as a co-worker and as a neighbor since September, 1949. He further advised that he was a social acquaintance and a close friend of REDDING. REDDING resided as [] house when he was a visiting professor at Brown University during the 1949 to 1950 school year. On that basis of that association [] described REDDING as a person of excellent morals, reputation, associates and loyalty. [] further stated that REDDING is a person who would never use his position to conduct himself in such a way so as to be detrimental to the country or the government of the United States. He further described REDDING as a scrupulous and conscientious person. [] advised that he was

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acquainted with the wife and children of REDDING but that he was not acquainted with any other member of the family. He stated that he only met the wife and family of REDDING on several occasions for a short time and due to the short duration of association he declined to comment regarding the loyalty and associates of the family. [redacted] did state that he knew of no reason why the character and morals of the family should not be described as anything else but excellent.

[redacted] stated that during REDDING's stay at his home, he and REDDING engaged quite often in conversations and that at no time did REDDING make any remark that would lead [redacted] to regard REDDING as anything else but loyal to the United States and their form of government.

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[redacted] highly recommended REDDING for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] advised that he was acquainted with REDDING slightly when he, REDDING, was an undergraduate and again when REDDING returned for his Masters degree. [redacted] further stated that he has visited REDDING at Hampton, Virginia on several occasions and that they have kept in close contact for the last fifteen years through correspondence and social visits.

[redacted] stated that he and REDDING have become fairly close over the years due to the fact that their interest in the educational field was in the same category, namely English and writing.

[redacted] stated that REDDING has never said or done anything that would cause him to question the loyalty of REDDING in any way.

[redacted] further described the reputation, character, and associates of REDDING as above reproach. [redacted] stated that he was not acquainted with any member of the family of REDDING except his wife and son of whom he spoke favorably regarding the loyalty, character, and associates.

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[redacted] Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, stated that he has been acquainted with REDDING since 1924 as a casual acquaintance for awhile as an undergraduate and for awhile as an Associate Professor. On the basis of that association he spoke favorably regarding the loyalty, character, and associates of REDDING and his family. [redacted] remarked that in the years that he has known REDDING, he has not heard of a remark, either directly or indirectly, that would cause him to question the loyalty of REDDING in any way. [redacted] advised

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that any information that he has come in possession of has been favorable. [] recommended REDDING for a position of trust and confidence.

[] Brown University, advised that he was only acquainted with REDDING during the semester that REDDING was a visiting professor. He was acquainted with REDDING as a co-worker and a slight social acquaintance during that length of time. On the basis of that association [] described REDDING as a loyal American with excellent character and associates. [] recommended REDDING for a position of trust and confidence.

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[] Library, Brown University, advised that LINDSEY TODD DAMON is now deceased. [] Main Office, Brown University, advised that Dean R.G.D. RICHARDSON is now deceased. Both DAMON and RICHARDSON were listed by REDDING in the records of the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky as references.

LISCELLANEOUS

Reliable Boston informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in Rhode Island, advised that the applicant is unknown to them and they possess no information concerning him.

CREDIT

[] Providence, Credit Bureau, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that the rating of REDDING at that agency was favorable and that no derogatory information was contained in his file.

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CRIMINAL

[] Division of Criminal Identification, Providence, Rhode Island, a central repository for arrest records in the state of Rhode Island, advised that the files of that agency contained no information regarding REDDING or his family.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Those informants referred to in the body of this report are identified
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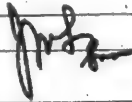

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REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 3-10-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-9-53	REPORT MADE BY ECW:bs
TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, Aka James Saunders Redding, J. Saunders Redding			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>The Southern Patriot announced the SCCE, Inc., served as co-ordinator for the Southwide Convention on Discrimination in Higher Education held at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, April 8, 1950. The name J. SAUNDERS REDDING, Professor of English, Hampton, Virginia, appeared on a list of sponsors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Norfolk airtel to New Orleans dated March 2, 1953. Philadelphia airtel to Bureau and other offices dated March 4, 1953.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA</u></p> <p>The Southern Patriot, official organ of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., in its issue of March, 1950, Volume 8, Number 3, page 1, announced that the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., at New Orleans, Louisiana, was serving as co-ordinator for a Southwide Convention on Discrimination in Higher Education which would be held in Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, on April 8, 1950. It was to be held under the sponsorship of a group of 200 professors and administrators from more than 100 colleges and universities in sixteen Southern states and the District of Columbia.</p>			
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[redacted] of Florida Southern College, was announced as conference [redacted] Attention at the conference was to be focused upon greater concern for the elimination of the discrimination in higher education. [redacted] speaking in the Southern Patriot stated that although changes were taking place in the South; nevertheless "in no Southern community can it be said that in the treatment of racial minorities there is anything even remotely approximating the basic American concepts of democracy and equality of educational opportunity."

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[redacted] of the Sociology Department, Howard University, Washington, D. C., was announced as keynote speaker. There were to be two sessions of panel discussions with the following themes:

- Morning session - "The Present Situation And Recent Gains"
- Afternoon session - "The Regional School Plan" and "Methods And Techniques in Eliminating Discrimination."

The Southern Patriot extended an invitation to all administrative officials and teachers and students of Southern institutions of higher learning to attend, as well as officials of State Departments of Education, labor leaders, ministers, and other professional men with a special interest in education. In the same issue of the Southern Patriot, on pages two and three, a partial list of sponsors was announced. The Patriot carefully pointed out that the institutions and organizations appearing behind the names of the sponsors were for identification purposes only. This list of sponsors included the name J. SAUNDERS REDDING, Professor of English, Hampton, Virginia.

Confidential Informants New Orleans T-1, T-2 and T-3, of known reliability, and who are acquainted with the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and its parent organization, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, have advised that the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., was originally an adjunct of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare before the latter's demise in 1948. Political differences among the Southern Conference for Human Welfare leaders and unfavorable publicity from the House Committee on un-American Activities resulted in its dissolution and, although the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., continued as a separate and independent organization, it stressed the fact it was non-political in nature. The Fund has devoted its efforts primarily to race relations, particularly in the field of education, campaigning against discrimination and segregation in this field of endeavor.

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The above informants have advised that the principal leaders of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare are the same as those who presently head the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. [redacted] [redacted] has served [redacted] of both the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. While the Communist Party was interested in infiltrating and controlling the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, it has given little indication of interest in the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

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The Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the parent organization, has been cited by the House Committee on un-American Activities as a Communist front. Confidential Informant New Orleans T-1 stated that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare during its active period was considered by the Communist Party as a transmission belt to reach the masses. However, not all of the national officers of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare were controlled by the Communist Party.

Confidential Informants New Orleans T-4, T-5, and T-6, of known reliability, who were active in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, advised that JAMES ANDERSON DOMBROWSKI, the Director of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., worked closely in the past with Communist Party members and invariably followed their advice along Communist Party lines. T-4 stated, however, that DOMBROWSKI liked to show some independence in regard to minor details. T-5 advised that DOMBROWSKI argued that his decisions siding with the Communist Party clique were the result of independent thinking and that he himself was a Christian Socialist.

Confidential Informant New Orleans T-7, of known reliability, and a long-time member of the Communist Party, advised that he did not believe DOMBROWSKI to be a member of the Communist Party but knew him as being sympathetic with the Party over a period of years. DOMBROWSKI took orders from the Communist Party and was an officer in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare through the determined efforts of the Communist Party. However, DOMBROWSKI on one occasion requested a Communist Party member to resign from the old Southern Conference for Human Welfare when it became publicly known that this individual was a Communist since DOMBROWSKI feared that this disclosure might jeopardize the organization.

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T-4 is PAUL CROUCH, a former Communist Party organizer for many years in various parts of the country, now residing at 10421 N. W. 3rd Avenue, Miami, Florida - information attributed to him is contained in the report of SA [] dated 4/22/49 at Miami, Florida, in the matter entitled SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE, etc., INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

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TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, aka J. Saunders Redding, James Saunders Redding			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="float: right; text-align: right;">b6 b7C b7D</div> <p>REDDING attended Lincoln University from September 1923 to June 1924. [redacted] University regards favorably in every respect. Employed by American Friends Service Committee on Special Project during fall 1949 and spring 1951. No credit or criminal information. Informant advised J. SAUNDERS REDDING was among prominent leaders who commented favorably on the book "We Charge Genocide" by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary, Civil Rights Congress. CRC within E.O. 9835. REDDING unknown to other reliable confidential informants Philadelphia area.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto;"></div>			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Norfolk dated February 6, 1953.			
DETAILS: The names J. SAUNDERS REDDING and JAMES SAUNDERS REDDING are being added to the title of this report to reflect the applicant's name as it appears on school records.			
The investigation at Oxford and West Chester, Pa., was conducted by SA [redacted] and the remainder of the investigation was conducted by the Reporting Agent. b6 b7C			
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Education

At Oxford, Pa.

Lincoln University

[redacted] advised her records indicate that the applicant matriculated at this University in September 1923 and voluntarily withdrew in June 1924 to enter Brown University at Providence, R. I. These records reflect the applicant was listed by Howard High School, Wilmington, Del., as JAMES SAUNDERS REDDING, and in personal correspondence between the University and the applicant he has signed his name as J. SAUNDERS REDDING. His date of birth was listed as October 13, 1905. The applicant was never subject to disciplinary action during his attendance at this school.

[redacted] of the University, advised he has been acquainted with REDDING as a fellow educator since 1930. [redacted] stated that REDDING received and accepted an invitation to lecture at Brown University, Providence, R. I., for one semester about 1949. He stated that REDDING had been employed by the American Friends Service Committee as a lecturer in the United States and abroad. [redacted] further advised that he recently invited REDDING to visit Lincoln University in the spring of 1953 and talk to the student body.

[redacted] stated he would recommend REDDING favorably in every respect, commenting favorably in regard to the applicant's loyalty, character, and reputation, based on all information he had received through his academic association with the applicant through the years.

Employment

At Philadelphia, Pa.

American Friends Service Committee
1205 Chestnut Street

[redacted] advised his records reflect JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, who was born October 13, 1905, at Wilmington, Del., had been employed by this organization on a Special Project in the fall of 1949 and the spring of 1951. The applicant was a professor at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., during this period, and undertook the work for the American Friends Service Committee as an extracurricular activity to his regular profession of teaching. The Special Project was a plan to acquaint the various

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colleges and universities in the United States with the availability of qualified and experienced professors of the negro race for various teaching positions, according to []

[] advised that the applicant's employment record is satisfactory in every respect, and based on record information only he knew of no reason why the applicant should not assume a position of confidence and trust.

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Credit and Criminal

At Oxford, Pa.

No record could be located at the Oxford Police Department which could be identified with the applicant. This agency services Lincoln University.

At West Chester, Pa.

The Chester County Credit Bureau records contain no information concerning the applicant.

The Chester County District Attorney's Office contains no record of the applicant.

These agencies service Lincoln University.

Miscellaneous

In March 1952 Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who will not furnish a signed statement or appear before a hearing board, advised he had observed a printed flyer announcing a "Peoples Unity Rally" to be held March 20, 1952, at the Academy of Music Foyer by the Pennsylvania Civil Rights Congress, 1831 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Admission, according to this flyer, was the purchase of a copy of "We Charge Genocide" by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress. This flyer listed the favorable comment of prominent individuals concerning this publication, and included among these individuals was J. SAUNDERS REDDING.

The Civil Rights Congress was designated by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835 on November 24, 1947, and September 21, 1948.

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Other reliable confidential informants who are familiar with some membership and some of the activities of the Communist Party were contacted during the course of the present investigation, and they advised that the applicant was unknown to them.

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T-1 [] to SA [] on March 15, 1952.

Other reliable informants contacted during the present investigation:

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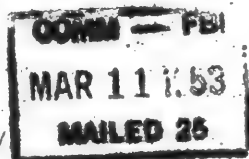
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JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, VOA. BUDED 2/27/53. REBUAIRTEL
3/11/53. DOB 10/13/05 OR 10/13/06, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.
ATTENDED LINCOLN UNIVERSITY AND BROWN UNIVERSITY, GRADUATING
1928. PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS PROFESSOR HAMPTON INSTITUTE, HAMPTON,
VA. SCHOOL RECORDS INDICATE APPLICANT AKA JAMES SAUNDERS REDDING
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TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING			CHARACTER OF CASE VOICE OF AMERICA b6 b7C b7D

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Elmira College, Elmira, N. Y., reference, became acquainted with REDDING when he taught at Brown University, and described REDDING as a very intelligent individual of excellent character and reputation, ambitious and capable, and a loyal American.

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REFERENCE: New York City Air Tel to Buffalo, 3/5/53.

DETAILS: AT ELMIRA, NEW YORK

REFERENCE

Elmira College, stated he became acquainted with applicant at Brown University where he was an instructor and REDDING was a student. said he regarded REDDING as a very intelligent, capable individual, ambitious, a loyal American, and one whom he would recommend for any position of trust. He noted that REDDING wrote several books, was Head of the English Department at Hampton College, and three years ago, was recalled as a visiting Professor by Brown University for a one year period. said REDDING was the son of a Postal Carrier at Wilmington, Delaware, and his mother was a teacher. said he is acquainted with the wife of REDDING whom he described as an equally nice person.

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Re Norfolk airtel to Cleveland dated 3-2-53.

As found in report of SA [redacted] dated March 18, 1944 at Cleveland, Ohio, captioned "UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION AND AFRICAN COMMUNITIES' LEAGUE, Aka - [redacted] et al - INTERNAL SECURITY - J". Confidential Informant Cleveland T-1, who was [redacted] advised that at a meeting of captioned organization on January 16, 1944, one [redacted] read an article from the "Negro Digest" written by one J. SAUNDERS REDDING.

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[redacted] stated further that [redacted] remarked at the time that "the writer, J. SAUNDERS REDDING, must have been in the GARVEY movement as he talks like we've been telling negroes to talk all these years. He writes an article like this and gets away with it. He must know somebody".

Former [redacted] who also attended the aforementioned meeting, advised that [redacted] referred to the January, 1944 edition of the "Negro Digest" and read J. SAUNDERS REDDING's article "What the Negro Believes". A copy of this article was retained in the Cleveland file but was subsequently destroyed.

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It is set forth in the report of SA [redacted] that this article reflects: "the average Negro in America does not believe that the death of a black man in a war for the Four Freedoms will be enough to win for himself an extension of Democratic rights. He does not believe in the righteousness of the Allied cause. He does not believe that the white men who are conducting this war for America, in America's name, mean what they say. He doesn't believe that the negro will get any consideration for having died in combat as a soldier in this war. He believes that he is going to be permitted to fight the Japanese because killing Japanese, who, after all are not white men, and who, so we have been told time and time again, are not the main enemy, is different from killing the white men of Germany and can give the Negro no feeling of after-all-Negroes-can-kill-white-men-and-get-away-with-it. The average Negro in America believes that the average white man has nothing but hatred in his heart for the Negro".

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Since there is no indication that the applicant was ever in the Cleveland, Ohio, area and his name appears in the files only in reference to the article which [redacted] read in January, 1944, no report is being submitted by the Cleveland Office in this matter. b6 b7c

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PAST. APPLICANT'S BROTHER, LOUIS L. REDDING, ACTIVE MEMBER
OF NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD IN 1950 AND ALLEGEDLY FORMER CP
MEMBER AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. CREDIT RECORD, NY, REFLECTS
LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE FOR LOUIS REDDING, 1944, AS 136 LINCOLN
ST., MONTCLAIR, N.J. LOUIS REDDING, AN ATTORNEY, BORN 10/23/03,
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, MAINTAINS OFFICES THERE AT 923 MARKET
ST., BUT FREQUENTLY VISITS IN NY AREA. LOUIS REDDING'S [redacted]

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PAST. REURFILE 100-3789. REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] 11/20/46,
REFLECTS A LOUIS L. REDDING, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, WHO APPEARS
TO BE BROTHER OF APPLICANT, ATTENDED SOUTHERN NEGRO YOUTH CON-
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

References

consider JAY SAUNDERS REDDING a talented novelist of good character, reputation and associates. They consider him a loyal American and recommend for a Government position.

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/ LOUIS L. REDDING reportedly attended National Lawyers Guild Conventions, 1950, 1952; spoke at function of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. / Communist character of above organizations described. Applicant well regarded, Hotel Theresa. No credit, criminal record NYC for applicant. LOUIS L. REDDING has good credit rating, no criminal record, NYC.

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DETAILS:

REFERENCES

[redacted] advised that he has been acquainted with JAY SAUNDERS REDDING for over thirty years and first knew him as a fellow classmate at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania; that JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, who was from Wilmington, Delaware, attended there about one year and then transferred to Brown University in Rhode Island. Since that time [redacted] has maintained a social acquaintance with REDDING, who is married and has two sons, [redacted]. [redacted] advised that when REDDING visits in New York, he and REDDING and their wives usually attend social functions. As a result, he has been aware of REDDING's success as a novelist. [redacted] who was also acquainted with JAY SAUNDERS REDDING's brother, LOUIS L. REDDING, an attorney, advised that LOUIS frequently visits New York in connection with legal matters but maintains law offices at Wilmington, Delaware. [redacted] knew nothing derogatory concerning JAY SAUNDERS

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REDDING and his brother and considers them loyal Americans of good character, reputation, and associates. [] cited JAY SAUNDERS REDDING's recent trip to India to combat Communism as an indication of his loyalty to the United States. [] recommended REDDING for a Government position of trust.

[] published a book written by JAY SAUNDERS REDDING entitled, "Being a Negro in the United States" and is interested in publishing additional writings of JAY SAUNDERS REDDING. [] described this work as an objective approach to the problems of the average Negro in the United States and a very excellent literary accomplishment. [] believes that REDDING has a great future as a writer and knew nothing derogatory concerning REDDING's loyalty, character, reputation, and associates. [] first became acquainted with REDDING about 1940 when REDDING won an award given by the state of North Carolina for outstanding literary work. Since that time, [] has had only limited contact with JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, mostly as fellow members of the Editorial Board of "The American Scholar", a Phi Beta Kappa publication. [] was not acquainted with other members of JAY SAUNDERS REDDING's family and recommended REDDING for a Government position of trust.

[] advised that she first became acquainted with JAY SAUNDERS REDDING about five years ago when [] Since she and REDDING became associated, he has published three books dealing with the complex living problems of the Negro in the United States. [] described REDDING's writings as conservative, objective, and a very fair, unbiased approach to segregation and discrimination in this country. She recalled that REDDING traveled to India at the request of the Government in order to convince the people there that there was great opportunity for the Negro people in the United States. [] considered REDDING a loyal American of good character, reputation, and associates and recommended him for a Government position of trust.

[] advised that records there reflected that on April 1, 1944, REDDING was granted a one-year fellowship to write a novel on Negro life to show "middle-class Negroes' position in the modern complex world"; that as a result of this grant, REDDING produced, "They Came in Chains", which [] considered to be a fair, unbiased approach to the Negro problem in this country.

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[] who only slightly recalled REDDING, advised that he knew him by reputation as a member of the Editorial Board of "The American Scholar," a Phi Beta Kappa publication, and understood he did some work in India under the auspices of the United States Government. [] knew nothing derogatory concerning REDDING and recommended him for a Government position of trust. [] was not acquainted with any of REDDING's relatives.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Young Men's Christian Association
180 West 135th Street
New York, New York

[] advised that he was not acquainted with JAY SAUNDERS REDDING and had no record for the individual; however, he was acquainted with a LOUIS L. REDDING, an attorney from Wilmington, Delaware, who resides there when he visits New York. [] considered LOUIS L. REDDING a very satisfactory resident and knew nothing derogatory concerning him with regard to his character, reputation and associates.

Hotel Theresa
125th Street and Seventh Avenue
New York, New York

[] advised that he has been acquainted with JAY SAUNDERS REDDING for about ten years, during which time REDDING has resided there when on visits to New York. [] was acquainted with REDDING's wife and brother, LOUIS, who he understood to be an attorney in Wilmington, Delaware. [] knew nothing derogatory concerning JAY SAUNDERS REDDING or any member of his family, and from his limited acquaintance with REDDING, recommended him for a position of trust.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following information is being set forth concerning reference []

In April, 1950, Confidential Informant T-1 and in October, 1951, Confidential Informant T-2, both of known reliability, supplied copies of letterheads of the China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated, in which it was shown [] was a sponsor of that organization. The [] named was not further described.

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Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated, is a Communist front organization which is actually [redacted]
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According to Confidential Informant T-3, on March 8, 1951, the Board of Directors for the China Welfare Appeal issued a statement expressing their intention to continue to ship relief and welfare supplies to Madame SUN YAT-SEN, Vice President of the Peoples Republic of China.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that he knew [redacted] to be a member of the Communist Party in 1945.

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In March of 1949, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, supplied a program for the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, March 25 to 27, 1949, under the auspices of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. [redacted] was listed thereon as a sponsor. [redacted]
[redacted] was not further identified.

The "Daily Worker" issue, February 21, 1949, reflected that [redacted]
[redacted] was a sponsor of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace..

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that the above organization is part of a world-wide Communist inspired propaganda campaign.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1949, page 476, described the above conference as an international Communist front activity growing out of a Communist sponsored congress of intellectuals held in Poland in 1948.

In March of 1950 and February of 1951, Confidential Informant T-6, of unknown reliability, provided copies of letterheads of the Physicians Forum in which it was shown that [redacted] was [redacted] of the Physicians Forum, 510 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, during 1949 and 1951.

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The "Daily Worker", issued October 23, 1945, May 26, 1948, and February 1, 1949, reflected that [redacted] was [redacted] of the

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Physicians Forum during those respective years.

The [] mentioned in the two paragraphs next above was not further identified or described.

In February, 1950, Confidential Informant T-4m of known reliability, who is familiar with some Communist Party matters in the New York City area, advised that he was acquainted with [] of the Physicians Forum and that [] was a Communist Party member.

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In December, 1946, Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, provided a letterhead of the "Third Anniversary of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., Birthday Ball Committee", 200 West 135th Street, New York City. [] not further described, was listed thereon as a []

In the "Daily Worker" issues of April 10, 1945 and June 1, 1945, [] not further described, was named as a sponsor and [] of the campaign to re-elect BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., to the New York City Council. The "Daily Worker" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., was one of the Communist Party leaders convicted in 1949 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for violation of the Smith Act.

Concerning reference [] the following information is set forth:

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In August, 1946, Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that [] was a member of the American Committee to Win the Peace. [] was not further described.

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In the "Daily Worker" issue of October 30, 1946, [] was listed as [] of the New York Committee to Win the Peace and as []

According to Confidential Informant T-8, the American Committee to Win the Peace and the New York Committee to Win the Peace are identical with the National Committee to Win the Peace, which latter organization has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The following information concerning LOUIS L. REDDING is set forth:

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In June of 1950, Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that LOUIS L. REDDING, Wilmington, Delaware, attended the National Lawyers' Guild convention held at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City, on May 6 and 7, 1950.

The "Daily Worker" issue October 13, 1952, reflected that "Discrimination in Education" was discussed by LOUIS L. REDDING, the Delaware Bar, during the convention of the National Lawyers' Guild at the Park Sheraton Hotel, October 10 and 12, 1952.

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In October, 1952, Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that LOUIS L. REDDING was a speaker at a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, a luncheon held on October 11, 1952, at the Howard Johnson Restaurant, 212 West 57th Street.

The "New York Times" issue January 20, 1953, reflected that [redacted] of the American Committee for Cultural Freedom, which organization was reportedly formed to combat Communism, accused the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as being a Communist front organization.

A number of Confidential Informants, of known reliability, who are acquainted with some Communists and Communist activity in the New York City area, advised that they do not know JAY SAUNDERS REDDING or his brother, LOUIS L. REDDING.

A check of the records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation of the New York City Police Department was made by SA [redacted] and there was no record for JAY SAUNDERS REDDING or LOUIS L. REDDING.

A check of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York was made by SE [redacted] and no record was located for JAY SAUNDERS REDDING. However, a record for LOUIS L. REDDING, attorney, with offices at 921 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, reflected that in December, 1944, he was residing at 136 Lincoln Street, Montclair, New Jersey, with his [redacted] and formerly resided at 180 West 135th Street, New York, New York; that he, LOUIS L. REDDING, had a good credit record.

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INFORMANTS

T-1 [redacted] who reported to SA [redacted]
SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on
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T-2 [redacted] who reported to SA [redacted] on
10/15/51.

T-3 [redacted]

T-4 LOUIS A. BUDENZ

T-5 [redacted]
[redacted] who requested that his name be
kept confidential.

T-6 [redacted]

T-7 [redacted]

T-8 [redacted]

T-9 [redacted]
[redacted] who reported to
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The reliable Confidential Informants mentioned on Page 7 are
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Contacted by SA [redacted] on 3/5/53 and 3/17/53

Contacted by SA [redacted] on 3/5/53 and 3/20/53

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JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW
402, 80TH CONGRESS, VOICE OF AMERICA. REURAIR-TEL 3/25/53. FULL
CHARACTER HEREIN^{IN} SET OUT. FOR YOUR INFO, LOUIS REDDING, REFERRED TO
IN PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, HAS RESIDED NEW YORK CITY ON OCCASIONS.
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[REDACTED] FURNISHED SV OFFICE PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTED TO THE SNYC
MEETING AT COLUMBIA, S. C., 10/18--20/46, WHICH PAMPHLET INDICATES
AMONG SPONSORS AND MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE SNYC, THE
NAME OF LOUIS REDDING, ATTORNEY, NYC. REPORT DOES NOT INDICATE
REDDING TO BE AT WILMINGTON, DEL. INFORMANT NOT ACQUAINTED WITH
REDDING. NY ADVISE FURTHER INFO NECESSARY FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORT
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TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, aka James Saunders Redding, J. Saunders Redding			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402 80th CONGRESS, VOICE OF AMERICA
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Nothing additional CSC or HCUA. <i>1 photo - encl 7-31-61 SOP/ew</i> - RUC -			
REFERENCE: Philadelphia airtel dated March 12, 1953.			
DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C. MISCELLANEOUS The files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, as reviewed by the writer, contained no additional information concerning the applicant. The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as checked by Special Employee <div></div> contained no additional information concerning JAY SAUNDERS REDDING, JAMES SAUNDERS REDDING or J. SAUNDERS REDDING. <i>Photo</i> <div>CC TO: States (CU/ECG:AA) REQ. REC'D. 12-14-64 DEC 30 1964 ANS. BY: <i>Ma...Jah...</i></div> - RUC -			
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The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities disclosed that J. SAUNDERS REDDING was the author of "On Being Negro in America", which was reviewed unfavorably by [redacted] Masses and Mainstream, January, 1952, pages 59-62. Also, that one J. SAUNDERS REDDING was an honorary member of the Association of Young Writers and Artists, affiliated with the Southern Negro Youth Congress, source being listed at People's World, October 2, 1944, page five. Inasmuch as the above information was also reflected in the files of the Civil Service Commission, the House Committee on Un-American Activities was reported as nothing additional.

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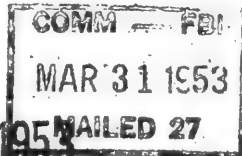
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TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING		CHARACTER OF CASE VOICE OF AMERICA	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant advised LOUIS REDDING, brother of JAY REDDING, spends most weekends in Montclair, N.J. Neither JAY nor LOUIS REDDING known to security informants. No credit or police record for LOUIS REDDING.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>REFERENCE: New York Air-Tel 3/17/53.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 350px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <p>Essex County Bar Association, 744 Broad St., Newark, N.J., which covers Montclair, N.J., advised that LOUIS LORENZO REDDING, brother of JAY REDDING, has never been a member of the New Jersey Bar Association according to her records.</p> <p>Newark Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that LOUIS LORENZO REDDING practices law at his office at 923 Market St., Wilmington, Del., however, he visits at his <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> each weekend.</p> <p>Newark Confidential Informants of known reliability who are acquainted with a number of Communist Party members in New Jersey, advised that they did not know JAY REDDING or his brother, LOUIS LORENZO REDDING.</p>			
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Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, which also covers Montclair, N.J., contained no information concerning LOUIS L. REDDING.

Records of the Montclair, N.J. Police Department contained no information concerning LOUIS L. REDDING.

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INFORMANT

T-1 is a pretext telephone call made to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

Other informants mentioned in this report were:

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TITLE JAY SAUNDERS REDDING			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, VOICE OF AMERICA

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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LOUIS REDDING, Attorney, New York City, listed among sponsors and members of advisory board of SNYC. Neither applicant nor LOUIS REDDING known to informant.

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REFERENCE:

New York airtel, 2/6/53.

DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, in October, 1946, furnished a pamphlet distributed to the Southern Negro Youth Congress meeting at Columbia, South Carolina, October 18-20, 1946, and this pamphlet reflected under the names of sponsors and members of the advisory board of the Southern Negro Youth Congress the name LOUIS REDDING, attorney, New York City. T-1 advised he is not personally acquainted with applicant or LOUIS REDDING and could furnish no information concerning either of them.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised he is not acquainted with applicant or LOUIS REDDING.

The Southern Negro Youth Congress has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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IDENTITY OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted]
[redacted] who furnishes information on a confidential basis
concerning racial situations [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted]
whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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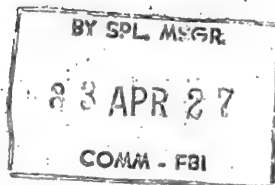
Reference is made to your request for an investigation of the above-named individual by this Bureau under the provisions of Public Law 298, 82nd Congress, your file (1).22.53.1647.

There are transmitted herewith four copies each of fourteen reports which complete the investigation in this matter.

Enclosures (56)

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

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Director, FBI

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Attention:
Mr. Archie D. Simpson
Records Administration Branch

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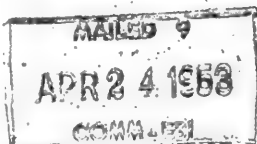
For your information, and in order that consideration may be given as to whether any Federal laws have been violated, there is transmitted herewith one copy each of reports reflecting the results of an investigation by this Bureau concerning the above-named individual under the provisions of Public Law 298, 82nd Congress. Copies of these reports have been furnished the Civil Service Commission.

There is also transmitted herewith one copy each of reports reflecting the investigation conducted by the Civil Service Commission concerning this individual under Public Law 298, 82nd Congress.

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August 16, 1962

J. SANDERS REDDING
Born: October 13, 1906
Wilmington, Delaware

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NAME CHECK

In response to your request wherein you requested any data concerning the captioned individual subsequent to July 7, 1953, enclosed are four reports entitled "Louis Lorenzo Redding, wa., Security Matter - C" who appears to be the brother of the subject of your inquiry. In addition enclosed is one report entitled "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., Internal Security-C" which contains information relative to the captioned individual.

An article appeared in the New York Times newspaper dated March 20, 1961, captioned "250 Teachers Hit House Committee." This article revealed the American Civil Liberties Union made public on March 19, 1961, a statement by 250 college and university professors urging the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The article revealed the statement asserted that the committee had "repeatedly undermined the freedoms essential for national well-being" also that the committee had been "unrelenting in its harassing of teachers" in its 24-year period.

Among the names of professors appearing in this article was that of one "J. Saunders Redding, Hampton Institute," further unidentified. (100-433447-A)

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Upon the removal of classified enclosures, this memorandum becomes unclassified.

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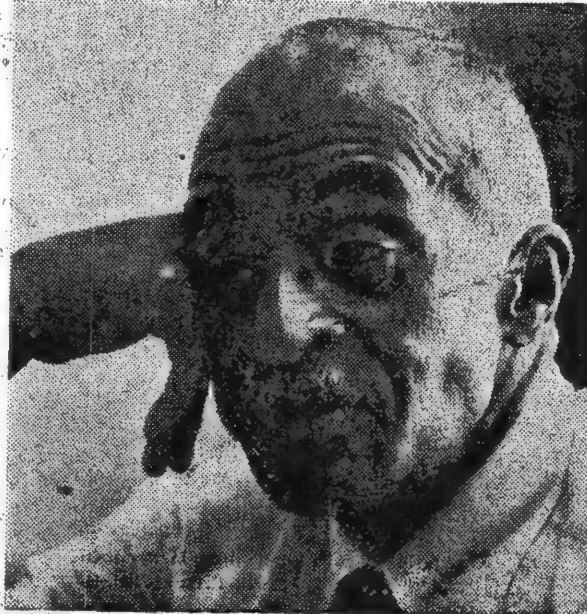
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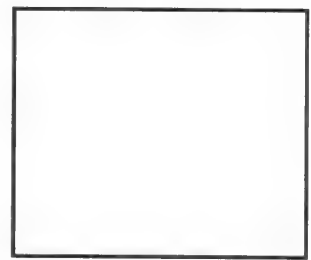
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Bishop *Bm*

DATE: 8-15-68

FROM: M. A. Jones *MAJ*

SUBJECT: DR. JAY SAUNDERS REDDING
PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND
CIVILIZATION, THE GEORGE WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Biographical:

Dr. Jay Saunders Redding
Redding was born at Wilmington, Delaware, on October 13, 1906. He received a Ph. B. from Brown University in 1928 and an A. M. degree in 1932. Redding has several books to his credit on Negro culture in the United States and has been affiliated with a number of Negro universities, including Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, from 1928 to 1931, and Hampton Institute in Virginia where he has been a Professor of English since 1943.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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M. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop Memo
RE: DR. JAY SAUNDERS REDDING

In 1953 Redding was the subject of a Special Inquiry investigation in connection with his position with the Voice of America. That investigation revealed that a fellow employee at Hampton Institute considered Redding a poor choice as she felt his writings reflected bitterness about the plight of the Negroes in this country. The name of Jay Saunders Redding, according to Bureau files and other sources, including the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), was linked with several procommunist organizations and publications. He was listed as a sponsor in 1950 of an affair coordinated by the Southern Conference Educational Fund cited by the HCUA. He was listed as one of the prominent leaders who commented favorably on the book "We Charge Genocide," by William L. Patterson, National Executive Secretary, Civil Rights Congress, cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In the 1953 investigation it was determined that Redding had listed several references who had been affiliated with a number of cited organizations. Most of the individuals interviewed concerning Redding considered him loyal and patriotic.

Louis Lorenzo Redding, the brother of Jay Saunders Redding, has been the subject of security-type inquiries by the Bureau since 1941. He reportedly was the legal advisor for the Communist Party in Wilmington, Delaware, during the 1920's and allegedly associated with and furnished legal representation to Communist Party (CP) members in Wilmington over a period of years. When interviewed by the Bureau in October, 1953, Louis Redding denied having ever been a member of or legal advisor to the CP.

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but denied membership in the National Negro Congress (cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450) and denied having read or signed articles appearing in the "Daily Worker." Louis Redding has maintained his association with a number of communist-dominated organizations through at least 1962. The security case on Louis Redding has been closed since 1964.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.



UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Investigative
Services Division

September 29, 2008

William J. Maxwell
Associate Professor of English
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
608 South Wright Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

This is in reference to your April 6, 2007, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for information regarding J. Saunders Redding. The FBI forwarded documents that originated with the Civil Service Commission for our review and release to you.

The enclosed documents have been reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA. We have deleted information that is exempt from disclosure pursuant to title 5, United States Code, sections 552(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(D). Sections (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) exempt information that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section (b)(7)(D) exempts information that could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source.

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If you have any questions regarding this response, contact the Freedom of Information Privacy Act Branch at 724-794-5612, extension 7000. Please reference tracking number 2008-12920.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Christine Bilunka", is written over a horizontal line.

Christine Bilunka
Supervisory FOI/PA Specialist

Enclosures

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
BUREAU OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

DATE: April 17, 1959

FILE: DISO:JJQ:sdr

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NAME REDDING, Jay Saunders	DATE OF BIRTH October 13, 1906
POSITION, ORGANIZATION, AND LOCATION Expert, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Hampton, Virginia	

The disposition made of this case in which your Bureau conducted investigation is indicated below:

A. ☐ APPLICANT

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☐ Eligible
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B. FINAL ACTION:

☒ By Agency Non-sensitive

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☒ Favorable determination

☐ Removed or not appointed as a result of security determination under:

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☐ Other

☐ Separated (other than by resignation) or dropped from consideration before determination was completed.

C. AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION

☐ E. O. 10450

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REFERRAL OF BACKGROUND CASE TO FBI
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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NAME OF CASE

REDDING, Jay Saunders

CASE SERIAL NUMBER

(1).22.53.1647

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10-13-1906

AGENCY REQUESTING INVESTIGATION

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- ☒ P.L. 298, 82ND CONGRESS, 2D SESSION
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The Commission has been requested to conduct background investigation in this case as indicated above.

The case is submitted for any necessary investigation by your Bureau, in view of a possible question of loyalty as specified below.

Upon completion of the full field investigation, please furnish copies of your report to this office in the regular manner. I will appreciate it if you will refer to the case serial number specified above, when furnishing information to the Commission on this case.

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REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION DATA

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NAME OF SUBJECT: **Bounders** (Last, first, middle)
 BIRTH DATE: **July** (Month, day, year)
 BIRTH PLACE: **Reading**

1. PLACE OF BIRTH: **Wilmington, Delaware**

2. CITIZENSHIP: **U.S. Citizen**

3. EDUCATION (Check all that apply):
☐ High School Graduate
☐ College Graduate
☐ Graduate of University
☐ Graduate of Postgraduate School
☒ Graduate of High School
☐ Graduate of Junior High School
☐ Graduate of Senior High School

4. (a) DATE AND LOCATION OF LAST HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: **Howard High School, Wilmington, Del.**
 (b) SUBJECTS SHOULD BE LISTED IN ORDER WHICH APPLIES TO POSITION DESIRED

5. (a) NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: **Lincoln University, Chester County, Pa.**
 (b) DATES ATTENDED: **1934-1936**
 (c) DEGREE: **B.S.**

6. (a) NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: **Brown Univ., Providence, R.I.**
 (b) DATES ATTENDED: **1936-1938**
 (c) DEGREE: **Ph.D.**

7. CHECK EMPLOYMENT RECORDS

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1934-1936	Instructor	Morehouse College	Atlanta, Georgia
1936-1938	Instructor	Louisville Municipal College	Louisville, Kentucky
1938-1939	Dept. Chr.	Southern University	Baton Rouge, La.
1939-1940	Dept. Chr.	State Teachers College	Elizabeth City, N. C.
1940-	Professor	Hampton Institute	Hampton, Virginia

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8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR LAST 10 YEARS

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The following excerpts are quoted from the statement:

"The Negro people cannot avoid the conclusion that the war drive and the denial and destruction of democratic rights go to-gether. It is impossible for us to see how democracy can be really defended when such evils plague the thirteen million black Americans within our country. It is impossible for us to see how a program of 'National Defense' can become a reality when in the very process, constitutional liberties are denied such a large segment of the population. Such is our situation here at home."

"The Negro people want nothing of Hitler; they detest him and all his practices. On the other hand the British war-makers hold Africa, India, the West Indies and other colonial areas in a cruel bondage, often infinitely worse than the oppression known by Negroes in America."

"Along with our fellow Americans, we Negroes must see clearly through the fog of deception in the propaganda of press, radio and other forces. Our choice must be single and firm; We want democracy with equality in jobs, in our political life, and in the social institutions of our country, and we want peace in which to achieve these basic human rights."

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The files of this office contain photostatic copies of the pages taken from the pamphlet entitled, "National Negro Congress, 1936."

Page 1294 of the Hearings before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, 78th Congress, 2nd Session, Appendix Part IX contains a partial list of the endorsers of the National Negro Congress. Included on this list was

A copy of the membership list of the National Lawyers Guild, which was made available to the chairman of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, by the National Secretary of the National Lawyers Guild in March 1939, is noted to contain the above name and address.

The NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, contains the following information on COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO LIFT THE (SPANISH) EMBARGO and NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO LIFT THE (SPANISH) EMBARGO

- "1. Cited as one of a number of front organizations, set up during the Spanish Civil War by the Communist Party in the United States and through which the party carried on a great deal of agitation.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, pp. 137 and 138.)
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Pages 237-239 of the Hearings before the Sub Committee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 82nd Congress, 1st Session, Part 1 on the Institute of Pacific Relations - July 25, 26, 31, August 2 and 7, 1951, contain a letter dated May 6, 1940 from the files of the Institute of Pacific Relations signed by _____ of the American Institute of Pacific Relations to _____ of the American Committee for International Studies, 129 East Fifty-second Street, New York City, which was the address at that time of the Institute of Pacific Relations. Paragraph #12 of this letter contained the name of one _____ not further identified, whom _____ suggested be asked to supply the names of " . . . one or two Latin Americans of great intellectual ability who look at Latin America from a continental and international point of view, who might establish contact with the appropriate groups in the leading countries and then come to New York to give the groups here the benefit of his study of such thinking as there is in Latin America on war aims and post war organization."

INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

Pages 223-225, of the report, dated July 2, 1952, of the Committee on the Judiciary (Senate) Eighty-Second Congress, Second Session, hearings held July 25, 1951-June 20, 1952, by the Internal Security Subcommittee, reflects the following conclusions, concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations:

"The Institute of Pacific Relations has not maintained the character of an objective scholarly and research organization.

"The IPR has been considered by the American Communist Party and by Soviet officials as an instrument of Communist policy, propaganda and military intelligence.

"The IPR disseminated and sought to popularize false information including information originating from Soviet and Communist sources.

"A small core of officials and staff members carried the main burden of IPR activities and directed its administration and policies.

"Members of the small core of officials and staff members who controlled IPR were either Communist or pro-Communist."

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"There is no evidence that the large majority of its members supported the IPR for any reason except to advance the professed research and scholarly purposes of the organization.

"Most members of the IPR, and most members of its Board of Trustees, were inactive and obviously without any influence over the policies of the organization and the conduct of its affairs.

"IPR activities were made possible largely through the financial support of American industrialists, corporations, and foundations, the majority of whom were not familiar with the inner workings of the organization.

"The effective leadership of the IPR often sought to deceive IPR contributors and supporters as the true character and activities of the organizations.

"Neither the IPR nor any substantial body of those associated with it as executive officers, trustees or major financial contributors has ever made any serious and objective investigation of the charges that the IPR was infiltrated by Communists and was used for pro-Communist and pro-Soviet purposes.

"The names of eminent individuals were by design used as a respectable and impressive screen for the activities of the IPR inner core, and as a defense when such activities came under scrutiny.

was, from some time beginning in the 1930's, a conscious articulate instrument of the Soviet conspiracy.

"Effective leadership of the IPR had by the end of 1934 established and implemented an official connection with

"After the establishment of the Soviet Council of IPR, leaders of the American IPR sought and maintained working relationships with Soviet diplomats and officials.

"The American staff of IPR, though fully apprised that the Soviet Council of IPR was in fact an arm of the Soviet Foreign Office, was simultaneously and secretly instructed to preserve the 'fiction' that the Soviet council was independent.

"IPR officials testified, falsely before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee concerning the relationships between IPR and the Soviet Union.

testified falsely before the subcommittee with reference to at least five separate matters that were relevant to the inquiry and substantial in import.

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in denying that he recommended the Central Intelligence Agency employ, utilize and rely upon certain individuals having Communist associations and connections. This matter was relevant to the inquiry and substantial in import.

"The effective leadership of IPR worked consistently to set up actively cooperative and confidential relationships with persons in Government involved in the determination of foreign policy.

"Over a period of years was the principal fulcrum of IPR pressures and influence in the State Department.

"It was the continued practice of IPR to seek to place in Government posts both persons associated with IPR and other persons selected by the effective leadership of IPR.

"The IPR possessed close organic relations with the State Department through interchange of personnel, attendance of State Department officials at IPR conferences, constant exchange of information and social contacts.

"The effective leadership of the IPR used IPR prestige to promote the interests of the Soviet Union in the United States.

"A group of persons operating within and about the Institute of Pacific Relations exerted a substantial influence on United States far eastern policy.

"The IPR was a vehicle used by the Communist to orientate American far eastern policies toward Communist objectives.

"A group of persons associated with the IPR attempted, between 1941 and 1945, to change United States policy so as to accommodate Communist ends and to set the stage for a major United States policy change, favorable to Soviet interests, in 1945.

and were influential in bringing about a change in United States policy in 1945 favorable to the Chinese Communists.

"During the period 1945-49, persons associated with the Institute of Pacific Relations were instrumental in keeping United States policy on a course favorable to Communist objectives in China.

"Persons associated with the IPR were influential in 1949 in giving United States far eastern policy a direction that furthered Communist purposes.

"A chief function of the IPR has been to influence United States public opinion.

"Many of the persons active in and around the IPR, and in particular

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though not exclusively.

knowingly and deliberately used the language of books and articles which they wrote or edited in an attempt to influence the American public by means of pro-Communist or pro-Soviet content of such writings.

"The net effect of IPK activities on United States public opinion has been such as to serve international Communist interests and to effect adversely the interests of the United States."

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Page 1097 of the Hearings before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, 78th Congress, 2nd Session, Appendix Part IX, contains an exhibit of a partial list of sponsors of a dinner dedicated to American-Soviet Post-War Relations, October 19, 1944, given by the American Russian Institute. Included on this list was one not further identified.

Page 1201 of the above reference contains an exhibit of signatures to an open letter of Allied Unity Rally, sponsored by National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Inc., 232 Madison Avenue, New York City, taken from "Soviet Russia Today", June 1943, page 21. Among the signers on this list was one not further identified.

The files of this office contain a photostatic copy of a program issued by the Wartime Conference on Labor Health Security under the auspices of the Health Council of the American Labor Party, whereon one was listed as speaker.

Page 104 of House Report No. 378 Report on the Communist Peace Offensive, A Campaign to Disarm and Defeat the United States, April 1, 1951, prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, reflects a list of sponsors of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, New York City. Among this list was one not further identified.

The files contain a copy of a photostatic letter, date indicated to be February 1951, under letterhead "China Welfare Appeal Inc., Friendship Cargo For China", 439 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York. The letter contains the listing of the officers and members of the Medical Advisory Committee of the "China Welfare Appeal". The name of is included in the list of the members of the Medical Advisory Committee.

The Daily Worker, June 1, 1945, page 7 contains an article captioned, "Let's Face It" by which reads in part as follows:

"Though circulation of nominating petitions for city councilmanic candidates is still two months off, organization of the campaign to reelect Manhattan Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. Negro Communist leader, is already off to a fast start. Over 100 prominent New Yorkers from all walks of life, both Negro and white, have agreed to act as sponsors of the non-partisan committee organized on his behalf. Within the next few weeks it is expected that this list will be published to...

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Listed as a co-chairman of the above committee was one

CHINA WELFARE APPEAL
Counterattack, a weekly newsletter published by the American Business Consultants Inc., 55 West 42nd St. New York City, N.Y., newsletter #184, dated December 1, 1950, states in part:

"The China Welfare Appeal, Inc., held a conference on Health and Welfare in China, on November 18th. Big attraction at the conference was transcribed message from Madame Sun Yat Sen, an official of the Chinese Communist Government.

"China Welfare Appeal, an agency of Madame Sun Yat Sen's China Welfare Institute (controlled by the Red Government) has been sending 'Friendship Cargoes' containing penicillin, sulfa and other drugs to China, where all 'relief' is politically controlled. A resolution adopted by the appeals board of directors was read at the conference. It protested the recently instituted United States requirement for export licenses for these drugs. Commerce Department, by refusing licenses to the appeal, can now prevent it from giving aid to enemies of the United States."

The New Leader of May 13, 1950, page 7, a weekly publication, states:

"Have you met China Welfare Appeal, Inc., 439 Fourth Avenue? It's the latest CP-line organizations with such CP-fronters as the

and other familiar faces.

The Washington, D. C. Post of December 9, 1947,

the "China Welfare Fund" is in disfavor with Chinese right wingers because it is extending aid to the Communists as well as to other Chinese.

The AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP and the COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A. has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, contains the following information on SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY, AMERICAN LABOR PARTY and SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE.

SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 167; also cited in Report, June 25, 1942, p. 21.)
- "2. Cited as 'Communist-front publication.'
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949,) p. 108.)
- "3. Among the 'more important' Communist-front organizations 'for the sole purpose of carrying on propaganda on behalf of the Soviet Union.'
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 169.)
- "4. A magazine published by 'Friends of the Soviet Union and distributed by the Communists' Progressive Book Shop in Boston, Mass. 'The articles and pictures in this magazine seek to show the great benefits and advantages enjoyed by Russian workers, stressing the theme that Russia is the only successful nation in the world today.'
(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 281 and 517.)"

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.'
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948, pp. 40 and 41.)"

SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE

- "1. Cited as a Communist front which 'was actually a supermobilization of the inveterate wheelhorses and supporters of the Communist Party and its auxiliary organizations.'
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949); and House Report No. 378, on the

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Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date,
April 1, 1951, p. 11.)"

The Daily Worker is the official organ of the Communist Party on the East
Coast.

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Page 1601 of the Hearings before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, 78th Congress, 2nd Session, Appendix Part IX, contains an exhibit captioned, "Young Negro Artists, writers Hold Contest," (taken from Peoples World, October 2, 1944, page 5) which contains a list of honorary members of the Association of Young Writers, and Artists, an affiliate of the Southern Negro Youth Congress. Included on this list was one J. SAUNDERS REDDING, not further identified.

The SOUTHERN NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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REPORT OF INFORMATION FROM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**

NAME JAY SAUNDERS REDDING	DATE OF REPORT December 18, 1952
POSITION Not shown	DATE OF BIRTH October 13, 1906
AGENCY State Department	PLACE OF BIRTH Wilmington, Delaware
	CSC SERIAL NO. (1).22.53.1647

The following is a summary of information secured from the educational institution indicated. The information is given in substance unless otherwise indicated by quotation marks.

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL FURNISHING INFORMATION

NAME OF INSTITUTION

Lincoln University

LOCATION

Chester County, Pa.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Jay Saunders Redding attended this University from 1923 to 1924. No derogatory information was developed. He received no degree, and was never suspended. His general conduct while attending this University was satisfactory, and there is no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. Mr. Redding's date and place of birth are shown as October 13, 1905 at Wilmington, Delaware.

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JAY SAUNDERS HEDDING

Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia
DOB: October 13, 1906
POB: Wilmington, Delaware
POSITION: Not shown
AGENCY: State Department
TYPE OF CASE: Background
CASE SERIAL NO: (1).22.53.1647

Searched at: Washington, D. C.
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U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION - Investigative Files, Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to our attached Form Letter INV-308A dated January 19, 1953 advising the Department of State that this case has been referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the provisions of Public Law 298 for any necessary investigation.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, Washington, D. C.

Same as information reported in the attached FBI memorandum dated December 22, 1952.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, Washington, D. C.

No prior criminal record. See attached FBI memorandum dated December 22, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph E. Savidge
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JAY SAUNDERS REDDING	December 18, 1952
POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH
Not shown	October 13, 1906
AGENCY	PLACE OF BIRTH
State Department	Wilmington, Delaware
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NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL FURNISHING INFORMATION

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NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION
Brown University	Providence, Rhode Island

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Jay Saunders Redding attended this school from 1924 to 1928. No derogatory information was developed. He received the Ph. B. degree, June 17, 1929 with the class of 1928, and was never suspended. His general conduct was satisfactory while attending this University, and there is no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. Date and place of birth are shown as October 13, 1903 at Wilmington, Delaware.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

JAY SAUNDERS REDDING

Hampton Institute, Hampton,
Virginia

DOB: October 13, 1906

POB: Wilmington, Delaware

POSITION: Not shown

AGENCY: State Department

TYPE OF CASE: Background

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Investigated on: December 18, 19, 22, 1952.

Investigated by: J.W. Ready.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

This report covers employment at Elizabeth City State Teachers' College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, from 1938, to 1943, and at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, from 1943, to the present; and residences on Campus of the above two Institutions during this period of time. No derogatory information developed at either Institution. Police files show no criminal record. Credit Bureau records at Hampton, Virginia, favorable. Date and place of birth corroborated from the subject's personnel folder at Hampton Institute at Hampton, Virginia.

THE TESTIMONY OF ALL WITNESSES IS GIVEN IN SUBSTANCE UNLESS
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Elizabeth City State Teachers' College,
Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

I have known Jay S. Redding for about ten years both as a Teacher
and as a friend. When I came to the College Mr. Redding
was the chairman of the English Department.
I was fascinated by the man's ability to teach and by his very intelligent approach
to problems of all nature. He is one of the most widely read persons that I
have ever met.

Since Mr. Redding left here in 1943, I have had contact with him intermittently,
and my respect for the man has grown. He is an excellent writer and as a matter
of fact, he won the "Mayflower Award" which is a special award for authors of
North Carolina, around 1943 with his work "No Day of Triumph." Since that time
he has written several other works and his reputation as an author has grown
considerably.

During the time that he was on the staff of this Institution, he stayed on the
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two children and he is devoted to his family. The only thing that I have ever heard expressed about this man is his tendency to be very out-spoken. He is the kind of man who is not capable of being two-faced, and he will say whatever he thinks on a given subject without reservation.

During the time that I have known this man, I have found his morals, habits and general character to be beyond reproach. I feel certain that he is a completely loyal American citizen and that he is the kind of a person that will make an excellent security risk. During his stay here, he was not at all active in politics and although I cannot remember any organizations to which he might have belonged, I feel certain that he would be connected with nothing that would be considered questionable. I would, without hesitation, recommend this man for a position of trust in our Federal government as I believe him to be a very competent and responsible person.

Elizabeth City State Teachers' College,
Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

I have known Jay Saunders Redding for about 15 years as a friend and as a co-worker and associated. I haven't seen the man for the past two or three years as he is now up at Hampton, Virginia, and only gets back to visit us upon occasions. He was on our faculty here at the State Teachers' College from 1938, to 1943, and at that time, he was the chairman of our English Department. During this time, I worked very closely with him. He is a very intelligent man and one with whom it is a pleasure to work.

During the time that he was with us, he stayed in the campus quarters that he had. He lived with his wife and their two children, and he is completely devoted to his family. He is the type of man who prefers to travel with a small circle of friends and does not socialize very easily. He prefers to be with those, with whom he has a strong bond of attachment or to be active in his rating.

I have always found this man's morals, habits, and character to be excellent. I have never heard a single thing that might reflect on his reputation and I would say that he is a man of good common sense. I am sure that he is a completely loyal American citizen and a kind of a person that would make a good security risk. During his stay with us, he engaged in no politics and he was never associated with any organizations nor ever affiliated with anyone of a questionable nature. I would certainly recommend this man for a position of trust with the Federal government as I believe him to be a man of great integrity and great ability.

Elizabeth City State
Teachers' College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

I knew Jay S. Redding for about five years in the English Department during the time that he was here at the State Teachers' College. If I recall correctly, it would be from about 1938, to 1943 and he was the Chairman of the English Department.

was greatly impressed with his ability to get things done. He employed a very direct approach to everything. He is a very intelligent man and extremely well read. During the time that I knew him we visited many times and his wife was always present. They and their family were living on the campus during

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the time that they were here. We both traveled in a small group of friends. His group consisted of the other members of the Department, the Dean of the College and a few other people who were interested in the work that we were doing. When he left here, he went to the Hampton Institute up in Virginia and it was definitely a promotion for him. He has done quite a bit of writing and as a matter of fact one time he won the "Mayflower Cup" for one of his works. This award was presented to him just before he left the State Teachers' College and at that time, he had written five or six more books.

I would say that this man's morals, habits, and general character are all above reproach. I have never heard of a single thing that might reflect against him. I have no reason to question at all his complete loyalty to the United States and I feel that he would make a good security risk. I believe that he belonged to a National Honor Society and perhaps a Fraternity but these are the only organizations to which he might have belonged to, that I can remember. He associated with people of good standing and I feel sure that he would not be connected with anything or anyone that would be considered questionable or subversive. I would very definitely recommend this man for a position of trust in the Federal government.

Elizabeth City State Teachers' College,
805 South Avenue, Elizabeth City, South Carolina.

I have known Jay Saunders Redding for about 11 years as a co-worker and as a friend. In the English Department he was the Chairman of the Department.

I got to know him very well and he and his family and mine have been very close ever since.

We visit socially frequently. I would say that he is a very brilliant person. He writes a great deal and he works very hard when he starts a project. He won the "Mayflower Award" for work contributed by authors while residents of the State of North Carolina, either in 1942, or 1943, and he has written quite a few new works since that time. He, his wife and son lived on the campus while they were here. He now has two sons and he holds a much better position up at the Hampton Institute in Virginia.

His morals, habits and general character are all completely above reproach. I have never heard anyone say a single thing that might reflect upon his reputation. I cannot remember any organizations to which he might have belonged, outside of the usual professional ones, but he is not a "joiner" by nature, and I do not believe that he would be a dupe for any subversive organization. He would not be connected with anything questionable as this is the center of things that would be in direct conflict with the ideas that he holds. I would say that he is completely loyal to the American government and that he is a solid American citizen. He is the type of a man who would make a good security risk. I would, without hesitation, recommend this man for a position of trust with the Federal government.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE:
present at the above interview and gave the same testimony.

Elizabeth City State Teachers'
Department, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

I knew Jay Saunders Redding for about five years in around 1938, to 1943, as

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a co-worker. At that time he was the Chairman of the English Department, here at the college. worked on such projects as plays, radio broadcasts, and things of this nature. I must say that his ability to get things done correctly in a short period of time was outstanding. He is very talented. He left here to accept a much better position at Hampton Institute, and all of the board members and students felt that it was a great loss.

During his stay here, I would say that his morals, habits and character were all excellent. He is a happy married man and he is devoted to his wife and family. I cannot remember ever having heard a single soul say a single thing against this man. I do not remember any definite organizations to which he might have belonged but he was never active in politics and I feel sure that he would not be connected with anything questionable. I would say that he is a completely loyal American citizen and I am sure that he would make a good security risk. I very definitely would recommend this man for a position of trust in the Federal government.

Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

I have known Jay Saunders Redding for eight years as a co-worker. Mr. Redding came to the University in 1943, as an English teacher.

I see from the personnel records which we keep on all of the members of our board that his date of birth is shown as October 13, 1906, and his place of birth indicated as Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Redding shows his home address as 203 East 10th St., Wilmington, Delaware. During the time that I have known Mr. Redding, our relationship has been both business-wise and personal. In both theatres of activity, I have found his conduct to be completely satisfactory. He is a very talented individual and has a great intellect. As you probably know, he won the "Mayflower Award" back in 1942, or 1943, and since that time he has written five or six very successful works. He also has written many articles and essays.

In my opinion, Mr. Redding's morals, habits, and character are completely above reproach. He is honest and has as much integrity as any person that I have ever known. As you probably know, he has just recently returned from a trip to India last summer and if my information is correct, it was a special culture mission for the State Department. He has also been lecturer sent out by the American Friends Service Committee through out the New England States. The purpose of this program as I understand it, is to send certain teachers who have a knowledge of a given subject to different colleges to orient the students to the nature of a problem and a possible solution.

During the time that I have known this man, I have never heard a single thing which might reflect unfavorably on his reputation. He is not active in politics and has no knowledge of organizations outside of the usual professional and fraternal organizations. I know the man personally and have read all of his works and I am certain that there is no chance that this man could embrace any ideas contrary to our American way of life. He is a completely loyal American citizen and the kind of man who would make a good security risk. I would very definitely recommend him for a position of trust with the Federal government.

Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

I have known Jay Saunders Redding for ten years as a co-worker and as a friend.

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He is a gentleman and a scholar in all respects. During the time that I have known him, we have had frequent social contacts and I am friendly with his wife and two sons as well as with him. He came from Wilmington, Delaware and if my memory serves me correctly, he went to Brown University in Rhode Island, and I believe also attended Columbia University in New York. Of course he is an accomplished writer and as you probably know, taught at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, before coming here. He is a retiring sort of a person and associates with a small group of close friends here on the campus. I would say that his morals, habits and general character are all excellent.

I believe that he is a member of a major national fraternity, but avoids the meetings and he is not very active in this field. He is very devoted to his wife and family and his entire personality does not include joining any sort of an organization. I feel certain that he never would be connected with anything considered questionable or affiliated with anyone that might embrace foreign ideologies and I am certain that he is a completely loyal American citizen. I think that he would make a good security risk and that he would be excellent for a position of trust and responsibility in our Federal government, and I recommend him as such.

Hampton Institute, Hampton,
Virginia.

I have known Jay Saunders Redding as a friend and co-worker for the past nine years. He joined out board after coming from Elizabeth City State Teachers' College in North Carolina and he has always conducted himself as a gentleman. I have found him to be a man of great integrity and one who is completely trustworthy. He is married with two sons and is respected by one and all here on the campus. As you probably know he is a well known author and has written five or six major works as well as many essays and critical reports for publication.

During the time that I have known this man, I have found that his morals, habits and character to be completely above reproach. As a matter of fact, I have never even heard a single thing that might reflect unfavorably on his reputation. I have no knowledge of any organizations to which he might belong with the exception of his fraternity and perhaps a professional organization but I feel certain that he would not be connected with anything that is considered questionable. I think that he is a completely loyal American citizen and I feel sure that he would make a good security risk. I would very definitely recommend him for a position of trust with the Federal government.

Hampton Institute,
Hampton, Virginia.

I have known Jay Reddings for the past 22 years. I first met the man when he was teaching at Moorehead College in Atlanta, Georgia.

I would approximate this to be back in 1929 through 1931. If my information is correct he taught at several schools before going to Elizabeth State Teachers' College in the latter part of 1930. He stayed there for about five years and came here to Hampton in 1943, or perhaps 1944.

our relationship has always been good with exception of two minor complaints.

I would say before I list my complaints that this man is exceptionally well-trained

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and has a fine mind. He is very able person and gets along well with the other members of the staff. The only thing that I can complain about is his tendency to sacrifice his teaching for his writing and the fact that I consider him to be overly sensitive and emotional. With the reference to the former, his allowing student workers to grade Freshman themes and examinations. This is not the usual practice. This condition has since been corrected. The only reason that he did this was to allow himself more time for his writing. When he becomes absorbed in a piece of writing, he has a tendency to allow the more menial tasks of his teaching responsibilities to slip a little. My other critical comment is that he has not reached an emotional maturity which I would expect from such an intelligent individual. He is very proud and extremely sensitive and is liable to take offense at a general statement made by someone and feel that it was directed to him personally. I consider these two complaints which I have made to be of a very minor nature however.

He is a married man with two sons and extremely devoted to his family. He travels in a very small group of friends and I feel sure that his morals, habits and general character are all above reproach. He is the type of a person who does not enjoy crowds or organizations and while I think that he is a member of a national society and perhaps a fraternity, he is not active in either and has never been active in anything of a political nature. He associates with people of fine reputation and I am sure that he would never affiliate with anyone who would embrace an ideology, foreign to our way of life. He is a completely loyal American and I feel sure that he would make a good security risk. I would, without hesitation, recommend this man for a position of trust with the Federal government.

Hampton Institute, Hampton,

Virginia.

I have known Jay Saunders Redding for three years as a co-worker and as a associate.

He is an extremely able man and very thorough and complete in his thinking, writing, and in his way of life. He is meticulous in his dress and very punctual at all times. Actually he is a very shy retiring sort of a man and it took me about six months before we actually became friendly. Even at this, I have never felt as though I have completely gained his confidence. He is devoted to his writing and works steadily and painstakingly to produce his efforts.

He is what I would consider to be an introvert insofar as he prefers to be alone with his work or in the company of a small select group of good friends. He is married with two sons and is a very responsible family man. He doesn't have much to do with board committees and this sort of thing as he prefers a smaller group to this sort of thing.

I would say that his morals, habits, and character leave nothing to be desired. I believe that he is a member of very few organizations with the exception of a national honor society and one fraternity. He is not at all active in politics and definitely not the type of a person who could embrace an ideology contrary to the American way of life. I would say that he is a loyal citizen and that he would be a good security risk. I would definitely recommend this man for a position of trust in the Federal government.

Hampton,

Virginia. (Hampton Institute).

I have known Jay Saunders Redding for eight or nine years as a colleague and for much longer than this by reputation. I will say at the outset that I consider him to be first among all of my acquaintances and one of the finest men that I have ever known. He is a gentleman and scholar in every respect. I personally am very much impressed with his thoughts and his insight into the human problems. He is gifted in working with the problems of people. He is a very able man and of course has written five or six major works as well as contributed many articles to various publications.

I would say that his morals habits and character are all above reproach. I believe that he belongs to the usual organizations but is not active in any of these and confers a small circle of friends. He is definitely not the "joiner" type and I am certain that he would be all right as I feel that he is not connected with of the questionable organizations. He, as a member of a minority group, has spoken out against practices in geographical localities in this country but he definitely feels that all hopes for improving these conditions lies within the Democratic frame work of the government of the United States. He is a bitter enemy of those who protest that a different ideology with this matter would better solve the problems of his race. He is a responsible individual and would make a good security risk and I would very definitely recommend him for a position of trust with the Federal government.

I have known Jay S. Redding for the past seven years
as a friend.

I was greatly impressed with his intellect
and with his knowledge of the subject.

I have become socially acquainted with Redding and his
family in the past four or five years.

He is extremely nice and a dignified man in every respect. I would say that he is a true gentleman and a scholar. He is very interested in his writing and a very hard worker. He travels in a small circle of good friends and is very devoted to his wife and two sons.

During the time that I have known him, I would say that his morals, habits and general character leave nothing to be desired. I have never heard a single thing said by anyone that might reflect unfavorably upon his reputation. I believe that he is a member of a national honor society and perhaps a fraternity but he is definitely not active in these. He doesn't seem to care to take part in group activities. I would say that he is a completely loyal American citizen and would not be connected with any questionable organizations or groups. I think that he would make a good security risk and I would definitely recommend him for a position of trust in our Federal government.

I have known Jay Saunders Redding for the past 12 years as a friend and as a
co-worker. he was teaching at the
Elizabeth City State Teachers' College in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. At

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that time he was giving a series of talks at several colleges

I have developed a
friendship with the man.

on a text book and I must say that he did a very good job. This is not the kind of writing for which he has become famous, but he had a contract offered to him by a major publishing house

Although his major field is creative writing, and essays, he worked very hard to complete book on Rhetoric Readings, and Exercises.

During the time that I have known this man I have never had the smallest reason to question his morals, habits or general character. As a matter of fact, I have never heard anyone say a single thing that might reflect on his reputation, he is a married man with two sons and he is devoted to his family. I have no knowledge of any organizations to which he might belong but feel sure that he associates with only the higher class of people and feel equally sure that he would not be connected with anything or anyone considered questionable. I have no doubt whatsoever as to his complete loyalty to the United States government and I feel sure that he would make a good security risk. I very definitely would recommend him for a position of trust with the Federal government.

Credit Records

Credit Bureau, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, advised that all of the records which had been kept by the Bureau up through January 1, 1947 were destroyed.

stated had no record on anyone who might have lived in Elizabeth City, North Carolina prior to January 1, 1947.

Retail Merchants' Association, Hampton, Virginia, checked file on the subject and stated that he had been in Hampton, Virginia, since 1943, and that he was married and had two children. He had several accounts in Hampton, Virginia and these had all been evaluated as between Satisfactory and Very Satisfactory. There was a notation by the Citizens' National Bank that the subject was considered to have a very satisfactory deposit account.

Police and Sheriff Records

Elizabeth City Police Department, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, checked the Identification Bureaus files and subject has no record.

Hampton Police Department, Hampton, Virginia, searched the files of the Hampton Police Department and stated that the subject had no criminal record and had only one minor traffic violation in 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Ready
Investigator

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